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OUTLINES.

Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, was unanimously chosen minority leader of the House of Representatives, at the Democratic caucus in Washington, yesterday, to succeed Senator-elect John Sharp Williams ——Warrants were issued by Judge Spence, at Camilla, Ga., for arrest of two prominent white men of that county, alleging that they led night riders to an age negro's home and severely thrashed the family——During the past week fifty seamen have lost their lives on the upper north Atlantic coast as the result of a severe storm, according to reports from Halifas, N. S.——Two night riders were released yesterday at Union City, Tenn., by the Circuit Court and re-arrested by State authorities. Three held in military barracks were turned loose for lack of evidence——After Being floated and started to port the Yankee again sinks in deep water——A lady in a Pullman on the Atlantic Coast Line has ten thousand dollars worth of jewelry stolen from her on way from New York to Richmond——A young man is arrested in Norfolk on the charge of defrauding parties by means of the mail——A prominent citizen of Thomasville is convicted of assault on a young lady involving attempt to kidnap her——The thirty million dollar Panama bond subscription has been greatly over subscribed ——Lynchburg voted out barrooms yesterday by a majority of 195——A party of Suffragettes created a lively time at a public speaking in London last afternoon——In a fight between officers and moonshiners in West Virginia several on both sides are killed ——Admiral Coghlan, former commander of the cruiser Raleigh died yesterday from a sudden attack of apoplexy——Admiral Mason, chief of the naval bureau of ordnance, favors a 14-inch gun for our new warships ——Indications are that the Soo City was wrecked in collision with another steamer——New York Markets: money on call nominal, time loans dull but steady. Cotton closed quiet, middling uplands 9.35, middling gulf 9.60. Flour firm. Wheat firm, No. 2 red 1.12 5-8 to 1.14 1-8 elevator. Corn steady No. 2 70 elevator to arrive. Oats quiet, mixed 54 1-2 to 55. Rosin steady. Turpentine quiet.

Wonder which one of the John D's. Attorney Kellogg thinks the harder nut to crack?

Carrie Nation has gone to London—probably to teach the suffragettes how to raid Parliament House.

If the epidemic of suicides gets much worse some scientist will be saying that he has discovered the suicide germ.

The odds seem to be against Uncle Sam ever hearing the gingle in his pockets of those twenty-nine million Standard Oil dollars.

We predict that the oily tongue and the constant smile will gain more from the next Congress than has the big stick during the present one.

If Uncle Sam would pay his soldiers better and make the army commissioned officers treat them more like human beings perhaps there would not be so many desertions.

Of course the success of the revolution in Haiti has encouraged the restless spirits in others of the American-Latin Republics to stir up strife.

The public wants to know what security Cannon has agreed to give Taft in consideration of the latter holding hands off in the Speakership contest.

And McCarren is still in the saddle and the Democracy of Kings county approves of his course during the late Presidential campaign and election.

Our Navy Department had better hurry some warships to the Salvadorian coast in order to be on time to fire a national salute to the to-be-deposed President.

"Be ever blessed with prosperity and peace" was China's greeting to the United States. She ought to be asked to join The Hague Peace Congress.

Just as city government by commission seems to be growing popular Washington people are demanding that it be done away with as to their city. They want to go back to the old style.

Are the powers going to establish the custom of their warships firing a national salute to every Central and South American President on his deposition from office by revolution? If so they will waste an immense amount of powder.

If Chairman Payne, of the House Ways and Means Committee was always in favor of "free" hides, as he declares he has been, he should not have allowed the House to accept the Senate amendment to the Dingley bill placing tariff on hides, dictated by the beef trust.

HEARD IN CHAMBERS

Su... Common Stockholders of Roc... Power Co., to Disso... oting Trust.

BEFORE JUDGE C. C. LYON

Affidavits Submitted and Argument Made in Important Case Affecting Large Local Interests Here Yesterday—Decision Later.

Before Superior Court Judge C. C. Lyon, in chambers in this city yesterday, there was a hearing of the case of R. M. Sheppard against the Rockingham Power Company, R. L. Warner, Sidney Z. Mitchell and the Knickerbocker Trust Co., in which the plaintiff is asking for a dissolution of the voting trust under which the common stock in the power company is held, on the ground that a voting trust under the laws of this State is illegal; that the defendants be required to deliver to the plaintiff ten shares of stock in the corporation for which he holds a certificate, the conditions incident to an exchange having been met; that the present officers of the company be ousted as illegally chosen and that new officers be elected, and that the defendants be permanently restrained from putting into effect a plan of reorganization of the company's affairs to the alleged injury of the property and the plaintiff.

The case is one of several involving the internal fight between the local and Northern interests for control of the valuable hydro-electric property at Blewett Falls, in Anson and Richmond counties, and much depends upon the case as affecting many local investors in the enterprise. The hearing consumed the entire day and was held in the offices of Messrs. Davis & Davis, in the Southern Building. The plaintiff, whose cause is common with that of Hugh MacRae & Co., and other local stockholders, was represented by Messrs. Davis & Davis, of this city, and the defendants by ex-Judge James E. Shepherd. The morning session from 10:30 to 1:30 o'clock was largely taken up with submission of various affidavits and depositions and the afternoon with argument by counsel touching the various aspects of the case and lasting until nearly 7 o'clock. Judge Lyon took the various documents submitted and announced that he would find the facts and announce his decision some time during the coming week.

The suit was instituted in this county about the first of November and the complaint alleges that the defendant Warner and Mitchell were about to use their power as members of the voting trust to wreck and ruin the interests of the holders of the common stock by creating a new issue of common stock under which the present holders are not taken care of. Upon the complaint Messrs. Davis & Davis before Judge Lyon in chambers at Clinton on October 30th, secured a restraining order enjoining the defendants Mitchell and Warner from exercising any power or control over the common stock or from voting same in any meeting whatsoever and citing the defendants in the suit to appear before him in Kinston on November 18th to show cause why the voting trust should not be declared illegal, the election of the present officers be declared null and void and another election be ordered and that the defendants be required to deliver to the plaintiff 10 shares of the common stock upon the surrender and delivery of the deposit receipt. The hearing before Judge Lyon at Kinston was continued to be heard at Kenansville Friday a week ago and then later to be heard here yesterday. The decision will be awaited with much interest as vitally affecting the life of one of the largest undertakings ever launched in this section of the State.

The appointment of receivers in the Federal Court and the subsequent petition of the local interests to have the receivership vacated and another established in its stead is of later origin and will be heard before Judge Pritchard on December 14th. On the 12th at Wadesboro before Judge Webb will be heard an injunction and counter-injunction involving the possession of certain lands at Blewett Falls, vitally affecting the construction of the power plant there. Meantime, it is announced that Mr. Hugh MacRae has gone North in an effort to effect a compromise between the warrring factions in the company and the outcome generally is awaited with interest.

Stole Shaft of Iron.

Admitting the theft of a shaft of iron from the Wilmington Iron Works, Nat Sellers, colored, was placed under a $50 bond on the charge of larceny and was given a sentence of 30 days on the road for vagrancy, in the police court yesterday noon. L. Herring, a white man, for disorderly conduct, was sent to the roads for 30 days.

Funeral of Mr. Maunder.

The funeral of the late Mr. J. Frank Maunder will be conducted at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon from the late residence, No. 215 North Fifth street by the Rev. Wm. E. Cox, of Saint John's parish, and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery. Members of the bereaved family reached the city yesterday.

THE A. DAVID COMPANY BUILDING.

One of the handsomest clothing stores in the State and certainly the prettiest and most luxurious for its size in the South, is the splendid new home of the A. David Company in the building recently completed and occupied by the firm at No. 212 North Front street.

Above is given an excellent view of the building, the plans and specifications for which were made and the structure erected on the guarranteed cost plus-a-fixed-sum system by Mr. Burett H. Stephens, the well known architect and builder of this city and Chicago. The front is a perfect dream of beauty, the ground floor being even with a handsome granolithic sidewalk into which the name of the firm has been tiled in colors. The front is tiled throughout and the show windows with Italian marble bases, solid plate glass, inlaid hardwood elevations, beautifully finishel in mahogany, walnut, oak and rosewood, with ceiling and doors of birch, art glass ventilators and other splendid appointments, give a massive and altogether pleasing appearance. From overhead through prismatic glass the windows are lighted from inverted Tunstans and daylight is reflected the entire length and breadth of the store from prisms overhead in the front.

The interior furnishings of the store are brand new and are all in quartered oak. There are in the centre numerous broad, handsomely polished oak tables for stock while the counters are formed of "silent salesmen" in plate glass and invisibly lighted from within. The shelving is all of oak and for the clothing stock the Batts' clothing cabinets have been installed, reducing to a minimum and putting the entire stock of clothing contained in the cabinets at the instant inspection of the buyer. Long columns in the centre of the store are enclosed with casings of mirrors, while there are hat cases, umbrella stands and other conveniences, all finished in the same high-grade of materials. On the north side of the store is an oak gallery for leather goods, trunks, etc., this being reached by a double stairway, also leading to the second and third floors where the wholesale stock is kept and the merchant tailoring department of the well known firm is carried on. There is also leading to the upper floors on elevator for passengers and freight and a quick delivery small elevator to the merchant tailoring department. There are also speaking tubes to the various departments so that everything may be carried on with a minimum of time and labor. The offices of the firm are situated in the rear and these are handsomely fitted up for the several members of the firm, Mr. A. David, the senior member; Mr. L. Stein and Mr. E. E. David, the junior members.

The basement contains the heating system which extends throughout the store and the lighting is both by gas and electricity, the prettiest and most up-to-date fixtures being installed for either. The ceiling is of corrugated steel, handsomely finished in squares and enameled in white. The store is 40x125 feet in size and the building, which was erected especially by the firm for its own use, contains 15,000 square feet of floor space. All the windows are of the latest beaded glass and steel frame fire proof construction. The front above the show windows and main entrance is coppered throughout and elegantly finished. The store is one which the firm should be proud of and which reflects credit upon the city and its progressive business men.

FORTY HOURS' ADORATION

Solemn and Impressive Ceremonies Begin This Morning at St. Thomas' Catholic Church, Bishop Leo Haid, O. S. B.

That most solemn period in the religious calendar of the Catholic Church, the Forty Hours' Adoration, will begin this morning at 10:30 o'clock at St. Thomas' Church, when there will be Solemn High Mass and a procession of the Blessed Sacrament immediately thereafter, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Leo Haid, of Belmont, presiding.

The music will be special for the occasion and the programme will embrace Kyrie, by Weigand; Credo, by Louis Berge; Sanctus, by Louis Berge; Benedictus and Agnus Dei, Weigand. At 7:45 P. M., vespers will be rendered. The Psalms will be the old Gregorian Psalms ennobled by long centuries of use. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Haid O. S. B., will preach at the evening service, taking for his subject, "The Influence Religion Should Have on Our Lives." The subject is a vital one and will be treated in the lucid and pointed style of the Bishop, who commands attention as a pulpit orator. At the Benediction Service the "O, Salutaris" will be rendered by Mrs. E. K. Bryan.

On Monday First Mass will be celebrated at 6 A. M., with Second Mass at 7 A. M. Bishop Haid will also

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ELKS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

Impressive Ceremonies by Wilmington Lodge This Afternoon in Academy of Music In Memory of Departed Comrades.

The annual memorial service or "Lodge of Sorrow" by Wilmington Lodge No. 532 B. P. O. E., in honor of those members of the order who have entered "that undiscovered country, from whose bourne no traveler returns," will be held this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the Academy of Music and a large attendance of members of the order and friends is expected.

The Academy has been attractively decorated for the occasion and members of the Lodge are called to assemble at their Temple, on North Front street, for the purpose of attending the exercises in a body. As before announced, the memorial address will be by Louis Goodman, Esq., of the Wilmington bar, and a gentleman well qualified to speak upon an occasion of the kind. He will be presented by Past Exalted Ruler Wm. F. Robertson. Hollowbush's Academy Orchestra will furnish the instrumental music and a special quartette composed of Miss Lucy L. McIntosh, Mrs. Jas. D. Smith, Mr. W. L. Williford and Mr. H. K. Holden, with Mr. Alf H. Yopp as accompanist, will render a number of pleasing and appropriate vocal se-

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CONFERENCE MEETS

All Wilmington Churches Will Carry up Good Report to Durham This Week.

BISHOP WILSON TO PRESIDE

Wilmington Pastors, Presiding Elder, Delegates and Other Prominent Churchmen to Attend—Congregations of This City.

With the services today pastors of all Wilmington Methodist Episcopal churches will close up their work for another year preparatory to the annual session of the North Carolina Conference which will convene on Wednesday morning of this week with Trinity Church, of Durham, Bishop A. W. Wilson, of Baltimore, presiding.

It is good to know that in spite of financial stress and the more or less demoralization of all things by National election year, all the churches of the city have prospered and their pastors will carry up to Durham most excellent reports of their stewardship. The Wilmington pastors and Rev. W. L. Cuninggim, presiding elder of this district, with a number of other prominent East Carolina churchmen will leave Monday and Tuesday for Durham to attend the sessions of Conference. The delegates at large from Wilmington District are Messrs. A. M. Benton, Cerro Gordo; J. E. Durham, Rocky Point; C. H. Johnson, Ingold, and M. R. Sabiston, of Onslow. Others who will attend from this city are Mayor William E. Springer, chairman of the joint finance committee, member of the Board of Education, trustee of the Methodist Orphanage and trustee of Trinity College, and Mr. W. B Cooper, chairman of the Conference Sunday School Board. It is said that the outlook for a most pleasant and profitable session of the Conference was never brighter. The following brief review of the work at each of the Wilmington churches will be read with interest:

Bladen Street M. E. Church, South—The conference year closes with every department of church work in good condition. There have been 37 additions to the church this year. The congregations fill the church on Sunday nights and nearly so at the morning services. The church is in fine spiritual condition and is moving onward. The Sunday School has enrolled during the year 221. It is expected that all financial obligations will be met in full by the opening of the annual conference. Members of the church are asked to attend the final services of the conference year today. Rev. W. E. Hocutt, the pastor, will preach at both services.

Fifth Street M. E. Church—Rev. W. L. Cuninggim will preach at Fifth Street today at the morning service. Tonight the pastor will conduct the closing service of this conference year. The public will doubtless be glad to learn that notwithstanding the panicky times, this church has enjoyed and is now closing up a year of great prosperity. The church will close up the year with all its financial obligations met, with a large accession of new members during the year, and with unusually bright prospects of greater success during the coming year. Its membership now numbers 400, large numbers of whom are closely identified with the business and social life of the city.

Grace M. E. Church—The services this morning at 11 o'clock at Grace Church will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. T. A. Smoot. At 7:30 P. M., the presiding elder, Rev. W. L. Cuninggim, will preach, the fourth quarterly conference of the year having been held Friday evening. Sunday School will be held as usual at 3:30 P. M. The public is cordially invited Grace Church will report this conference year an addition of 53 members, a total membership of 698 and over $7,000 raised for all purposes. The number of Sunday School scholars is 536 with officers and teachers numbering 42. The Woman's Home Mission Society has raised $1,042.55, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, $252.65, while the church as a whole has, during the year pledged $2,500 for the opening of a Mission station in Korea, 25 per cent. of which has already been paid. All societies of the church are in active working order, and the attendance upon public worship has been gratifying.

Trinity M. E. Church—The Conference year at Trinity M. E. Church has been a most successful one in spite of the financial stringency. The services will be conducted today as usual by the pastor, the Rev. W. L. Rexford, who is closing up the third year of his ministry with this congregation, the work having greatly prospered under his care. There have been 20 additions to the church the past year, bringing the membership up to 204. The Sunday School membership at the close of the year is 135. The financial obligations have been met in full, a total of $2,920.43 having been raised for all purposes. The Ladies' Aid Society raised $260 during the year for various purposes and the Junior League a similar amount for missions, etc. During Mr. Rexford's first year the church raised $1,076.11 and increased this to $2,430.69 in 1907 and to $2,920,43 in 1908. The Sunday School room of the new church has been completed this year at a cost of $5,000 and the parsonage remodeled and modern conveniences installed. The attendance upon the church services has been larger than ever and the interest greater. It is hoped to resume work towards the building of the new church soon after conference.

DECLINES PARDONS

No Executive Clemency For The State Treasury Employe and Register of Columbus.

THE SMITH MURDER CASE

Hearing Continued Monday—Baptist State Convention at Wilson This Week—Other Raleigh News Notes of Yesterday.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 5.—Governor Glenn declines to pardon W. H. Martin, institutional clerk in the State Treasury during the fusion administration, who is serving ten years in the penitentiary for a $16,000 defalcation.

The Governor says he would like to grant the pardon on account of the age and former high standing of the prisoner and excellent people who are suffering on his account, but that for six years he systematically robbed the State Treasury and the ends of justice require the service of the full sentence.

The Governor refuses pardon for H. B. Register, serving a life sentence from Columbus county for murder. Register's son, Jabel, was hanged for participating in the same murder and the Governor declares that the father's part in the crime was so atrocious that he cannot disturb the enforcement of the life sentence.

Testimony that Dr. E. W. Smith, a Richmond, Va., Coal company salesman, on the night of his recent murder here, visited in an intoxicated and disheveled condition Earle Cotton's cafe in the tenderloin district, and that he was taken into a rear room by Cotton and Cotton's friend, Tim Holderfield, and later brought out and carried away in a hack driven by a negro, Ed Clevas, was produced at today's preliminary hearing in the case of Cotton and Holderfield, charged with the murder and with assault and robbery. Smith was found dead in a rock quarry the morning after these events. Richard Williams, a negro, testified that Cotton sent Smith's diamond ring and watch to a negro woman who hid them. The hearing will be continued Monday.

Reports for the North Carolina Baptist State convention which convenes in Wilson Wednesday will show that there are 1,831 Baptist churches in the State, a gain of 41 during the year; that there were 12,891 additions to the churches by baptism, making the State membership 210,154, a gain of 8,000 for the year. The Sunday Schools have a membership of 147,150, a gain of 8,000 for the year, there being 1,669 schools with 11,198 officers and teachers. In contributions for the various purposes of convention work the aggregate will be $123,595.19, a gain of about $3,000 over last year.

A charter is issued to The Riverside Pleasure Club, Wilmington, Richard Aust, H. C. L. Borkenhagler and Adolph Hauser, incorporators. No capital stock. Club rooms will be maintained.

Newton H. Smith, of Fayetteville, was here this morning conferring with the commissioner of agriculture and the Governor relative to securing desirable classes of immigrants to settle in and around Fayetteville.

B. OF R. C. MINSTRELS

Programmes Announced Yesterday. Street Parade Tomorrow Noon.

Handsomely printed programmes issued yesterday announce the big minstrel fete at the Academy of Music tomorrow evening by the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks and the indications are that the attendance will be large Tomorrow noon the company will give a parade from Third to Red Cross, down to Front, to Market, to Third and thence to the Academy with an open air concert at Front and Market streets, and all are asked to be on the look-out for this display of the talent that will be seen behind the footlights at night.

The brilliant first part with Mr. J. C. Douglas as interlocutor will introduce such well known chirpers as P. Duffy, R. Schulken, A. Dosher, M. Meder, Ed Reilly, F. Banks, W. McGirt, J. Quinlivan, O. Pinner and L. Meredith. The opening chorus, "Rose-Time-Rosie" will be by the entire company and then will follow the introduction of Pat Gerken, Stacy Adams, Fred Hutaff, Everett Wilson, Otis Mills, Sam Matthews, Walter Bolin and Billie Daniels in "Monkey Land." Freeman Yopp and other high class olio specialists will be introduced in a fast and funny olio.

Dr. McClure at Y. M. C. A.

The usual Sunday Men's Meeting at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon at 5 o'clock will be addressed by Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. His subject will be "Consecration." A cordial invitation is extended to the men of the city.

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CLOSING DAYS OF ROOSEVELT'S TERM.

There are some people who think that whether Roosevelt's administration came in like a lion or a lamb, it is likely to go out like a lion. They say that he has time to cause his party and the country a good deal of trouble between now and the time of his quitting the White House; and, knowing the man as they do they are expecting him to cut some high jinks before March 4th.

It seems that he has set the ball a-rolling in several directions. For awhile his interference in the New York Senatorship created a stir. This was followed by his announcement that he would reappoint Dr. Crum, the negro, as collector of customs at Charleston. Then comes in close order his stirring up of the faithful in Western Pennsylvania by offering the position of Government appraiser of merchandise at Pittsburg, a customs house office, to John D. Pringle, editor of the Labor World. It is said he has notified the two Pennsylvania Senators, as well as Congressmen from that State they must lay aside personal preferences, bow to his wishes and see to it that the man he desires is recommended for the place and his appointee confirmed by the Senate. This is a fat job and it had been picked out for a rival of Congressman Dalzell in consideration of his abandoning his Congressional aspirations. Both Senators have agree to back this man—to recommend his appointment, when Roosevelt steps in and coolly informs them that on this occasion he will do away with the "formality" and appoint without such endorsement unless the two Senators would agree to recommend the man he had already decided upon appointing. Senators Penrose and Knox will probably prefer to do this to have the big stick used on their backs during the balance of the Roosevelt administration.

In this way the President will carry his point in these cases and they may be taken as a fair sample of the strenuous action in many other instances that may be expected from him during the balance of his term of office.

THE CRUM APPOINTMENT.

The announcement that President Roosevelt had declared his determination to re-appoint the negro, Dr. Crum, as collector of customs in Charleston has produced less excitement and developed less opposition among the Democrats of that city than among the Republican leaders in Washington. The indications are that this appointment will create quite a rumpus in the Republican party. The Charlestonians exhausted themselves, it would seem, in unsuccessfully fighting the first appointment of the negro, and now, seeing what is likely to be the effect of the second among the Republicans, coming, as it does just when the incoming federal administration is doing all it can to placate the Democracy of the South, they are keeping quiet, letting the Republicans fight it out among themselves—and that is the best thing for them to do.

The Republicans who think this appointment should not be made say that with Roosevelt's term so near ended it would have been better had he left the appointment to his successor, and that such an appointment will, check the "Republicanizing" of the South which they hoped to see make good progress under the Taft administration.

That Taft is anxious to placate the South cannot be denied; neither can it be denied that he would have made a long step in that direction—not Republicanizing it—had he begun his administration by supplanting a negro with a respectable white man of his party.

It is contended by some, however, that, on the contrary, Roosevelt has relieved Taft from a very delicate, not to say embarrassing position by taking from him the necessity of choosing between a white man and a negro as customs collector in one of the chief cities of the South. The northern negro voter will not be given offense by the new president, on the one hand, and the Southern white people cannot, on the other, accuse him of favoring negro office holders in their section of the country.

Toys, dolls, fancy goods at Rehder's. **

HOLLAND AND VENEZUELA.

The Netherland Government was so slow in following up by naval demonstration its ultimatum expressed to Venezuela that it was thought nothing would come of the latter country's failure of compliance. But it seems that the Dutch, though slow, had not abandoned their purpose. A dispatch from Willemstad states that Dutch warships are cruising up and down the Venezuelan coast, a naval demonstration begun in fact. This is taken as indication of a purpose to establish an effective blockade of the ports of the South American Republic.

We hope no international complications will arise which will cause our Government to think it necessary to bring into play the Monroe Doctrine for the protection of Venezuela. No doubt the latter will seek the protection of the United States under that doctrine as soon as she finds herself hard-pressed; but it would be policy on the part of our Government and just treatment of Venezuela, considering her conduct toward our country and some of the latter's citizens, to leave her to the correcting hand of Holland or of any other European power with a grievance which is willing to undertake to teach her a wholesome lesson.

The Washington Post gives the following as a list of some of the articles found in a Chicago bonded warehouse, supposed to be treasures taken from the monasteries in France at the time the Monks were driven from their religious homes:

"In the consignment were the following: One silk hand-woven and hand-worked robe, believed at one time to have been the property of a pope; several altar cloths, woven of pure silver and gold thread, with handmade gold and silver fringe; pieces of velour of antique design; church cloths and garments of fine texture; panels of designs taken from monasteries; Chinese draperies, apparently made centuries ago; Egyptian relics, and other articles of presumed historic interest."

"Talking about prophets, this paper has decided to let Jeremiah do all the prophesying in the future."—News and Observer.

And who's to do the lamentations over the defeat of Bryan in all those States the Democratic national campaign managers declared so positively before the election were surely for him, but which went overwhelmingly for Taft?

What's the matter with the Nashville, Tenn., preachers? The American makes local announcement of the fact that a "genuine gospel sermon" was delivered in a church of that city last Sunday"But," it says, "a man came from the other side of the world to deliver it." There is something wrong with either the Nashville preachers or with the American.

If Carnegie wants to prove his sincerity in his opposition to tariff on steel manufactures let him run his mills for a while for the sole benefit of his employes and the consumers of his products—put back into the hands it belongs the greater part of the immense fortune he made out of them through means of the high tariff.

Roosevelt came nearer making a straddle in that letter on woman suffrage than he has done on any question since he has been in public life. It is nothing unusual for him to take different sides of a question at different times, but he never before came so near taking both sides in one and the same declaration on a subject.

What a pity Hobson is not in the Senate instead of the Lower House; then he might break off that arrangement with Japan by our President without the consent of the Senate whereby the friendly relations between the two nations are made closer and the possibility of war thereby the more remote.

It is said that William H. Taft and John D. Rockefeller will play golf together on the Augusta links this winter. As soon as they begin look out for all kinds of sensational stories about certain schemes being concocted and the oil magnate"s influence over the President-elect.

"Most men are honest and genuine. There are plenty, who are otherwise, but the majority of good men is so great you need not be forced to line up with the rascals."—News and Observer.

But a rogue knows he is a rogue, and no matter how successfully he may fool honest people he feels out of place in their ranks.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—Congressman Townsend, of Michigan, talks of revising the house rules and depriving Speaker Cannong and his three party colleagues on the house committee of their control over legislation. A simpler matter would be to prevent Cannon from re-election as speaker. It is a trifle rash for a man who knows he cannot overthrow the Speaker to talk of changing the rules on which the Speaker depends for his power.—Exchange.

—As a canny Scot, Andy Carnegie is familiar with the Bible, and he doubtless knows that "there is a time for all things." The time to confess publicly his belief in low tariff, is after he has made his "pile" by means of the high tariff that levied tribute and tax upon the American public; and the time to advocate the ownership of industries by the workers is, precisely, after he has laid aside some $300,000,000 of American money, erected castles in Bonny Scotland, and is ready to retire.—Columbia State.

—There certainly can be no complaint of the non-enforcement of law where embezzling bank officials are concerned. Nine of every ten bank wreckers are duly punished, which seems that we are more careful of our money than of our lives, for not one out of ten who take human life is even adequately penalized. The three wreckers recently sent up from Pittsburg might have been free men if they had only killed a depositor instead of having only robbed him.—Chattanooga Times.

—The attempt by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana to bar litigants from the Federal Courts after they had begun suits at law in the State Courts and proposed to transfer them to the United States tribunals is going to be a complete failure. The Louisiana Legislature recently in extraordinary session passed an act which has been ratified by popular vote and made a part of the Constitution, prohibiting any party who shall have begun suit in a State Court, and before it shall have been decided in such Court, from removing the cause to a United States Court. The sufficiency of such prohibition is now in question in the United States Circuit Court in this city.—New Orleans Picayune.

—The annual dinner of the North Carolina Society in New York to be given next Tuesday, will be an occasion of more than ordinary interest. It will not be by reason of the presence of President-elect Taft as the guest of honor, but rather by reason of what Mr. Taft is to say, for it is stated that he will address the members of the society and their guests on the policy of the next administration towards the South, including his own personal attitude on the negro question. Part of the President-elect's remarks, it is understood, will deal with the tariff in its effect upon growing Southern industries. That being the case, the forthcoming address will be awaited with peculiar interest by the Southern people in particular and the country at large.—Charlotte Chronicle.

—President Roosevelt hasn't always been the most consistent of civil service reformers, considering his early devotion to that creed. As president he worked with the instruments at his hand. The patronage power was one and he has wielded it at times with a skill quite as astonishing as the inconsistency which he displayed in doing so. But at bottom the president is as must a civil service reformer as ever, and he proves it by the order just issued, placing 15,000 fourth class postmasters in the classified service. This removes from the congressional patronage an important group of offices. It is presumed that if the experiment now announced affecting the states north of the Potomac and east of the Mississippi shall be a success, it will later be extended to the rest of the country. This is one Roosevelt policy which President Taft may be expected to accept with enthusiasm.—Philadelphia Evening Times.

—Colonel E. L. Russell, of Mobile, Ala., president of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, was in Washington Monday night and said to a Post reporter that the men on his road are all back at work and that he looks "forward to a period of great prosperity for the South." Explaining that he is a Democrat and voted the ticket in the recent election, he said further: "Whether Taft's election is what has caused the revival of business I will leave to the politicians to say. The fact remains that all our shops are busy, and all our freight and passenger cars are turning their wheels." The politicians on one side will say that Taft's election is what did it and those on the other that it didn't. The people, however, to whose lives politics is but incidental will not lose sleep in trying to learn the reason for business revival and a better outlook but will take the gifts the gods provide and be thankful.—Exchange.

TWINKLINGS.

—A good thing about a college education would be if somebody could invent a way to make it useful to a man.—New York Press.

—Suitor—Do you think, Edieth, your father will accept me for a son-in-law? She—I wouldn't be at all surprised. Papa always goes contrary to my wishes.—Brooklyn Life.

—Mrs. Flutter—Mrs. Crabapple says her husband kisses her good-by every morning of his life. Mr. Flutter—I often wondered what gave him that sour expression.—Smart Set.

—"You're another!" retorted number two. "Calm yourselves, gentlemen." interposed the peacemaker, "it is quite possible that you are both right."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

—"How is your Chunkett getting on in college?" "Splendidly. He would have made the scrub team his first year if he hadn't been deficient in all of his studies."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

—Chief of Detectives—Now give us a description of your missing cashier. How tall was he? Business Man—I don't know how tall he was. What worries me is that he was $25,000 short.—Philadelphia Record.

—"Aunt Nell," asked litttle Willie, "what is a he-sufferagette?" "A henpecked husband," she replied. 'Don't bother me with any more questions.

"You are a pretty sharp boy, Tommy." "Well, I'd ought to be. Pa takes me out in the woodshed and strops me three or four times a week."

—"I suppose," said the grouchy old man, "it wouldn't worry you very much if there wasn't any such thing as soap in the world." "Sure it would," replied the dirty little urchin. "'cause den dey wouldn't be no soap boxes ter make bonfires wid."—Catholic Standard and Times.

—First Passenger—Pardon me, but would you mind lending me your spectacles a moment? Second Passenger—With pleasure, sir. First Passenger—Thanks, awfully. And now, as you can no longer read your newspaper, would you kindly pass it over to me?—Harper's Weekly.

—'Don't worry about John, mother." "Well, Eph, I don't suppose I should, but when one letter says his condition is so good and the next says that he'll have to get rid of his condition before the Faculty will let him play football, I'm awful afraid that he'll make himself sick and weak."—Puck.

—"Your family seem to enjoy going to Europe." "Yes," answered Mr. Cumrox. "Mother and the girls have observed that I am weak on getting the value of foreign money. Things are ordered and paid for before I have time to make any intelligent inquiries as to the expense."—Washington Star.

NO WORTHIER CHARITY.

Red Cross Society Should Commend Itself Heartily to Public.

(Communicated.)

Dear Sir:—There is no more worthier charity instituted within the city of Wilmington, which should have the hearty endorsement and financial support of all its citizens and one which is no doubt destined to give greater returns to its benefactors not only within our own city but throughout the entire State, than the newly organized American Red Cross Society and the annual Red Cross stamp sales, which they have instituted to receive revenue to further its plans.

The medical profession is perfectly familiar with the conditions as they now exist which it is the intent of this new society to alleviate, but I am aware that there are quite a goodly number of our citizens do not realize the amount of tuberculosis that is within our borders. I was told the other day that a prominent lady had been asked to assist in this work and replied that she did not know that there was any consumption in the city and was very much surprised when informed that there was. It will be a much greater surprise to her and others that when I say that we have on an average of 60 deaths a year or about one in every ten deaths from this disease which we are taught is preventable.

At the International Congress on Tuberculosis, which recently held its meeting in Washington, D. C., it was the unanimous opinion of its delegates that the proper way of eradicating this scourge, The White Plague, as it is commonly called, is by passing stringent laws and education, that is the passing of laws that will compel the registration of the individual cases, the enforcing of the anti-spitting ordinances, the establishment of play grounds, the medical supervision of schools and factories, and the sanitary inspection of habitations, the education of the masses that have the disease, of others how to protect themselves, and those that are dependent on them from contracting the disease, suitable food, the amount of exercise they should take, the proper clothing they should wear, the manner of disposing of the sputum, and other discharges, and in fact everything that modern investigation have proven that will assist nature in the lengthening of the life, or cure of the individual.

Throughout the country municipal and State governments have taken this subject in hand and have employed physicians, visiting nurses and have erected and maintained day camps, sanitoria and hospitals for the treatment of this disease. There are a number of charity organizations which are following in the footsteps of these governments and are doing likewise and they have all done much toward mitigating the suffering of the tubercular poor and yet we have done but little towards this work within the confines of our city.

The American Red Cross Society proposes to come to the aid of the tubercular poor and institute kitchens where nutritive food can be prepared, employ district nurses to nurse the poor, and teach them about the care of the disease in their homes, the establishment of a camp or hospital for the treatment of this disease, the procuring of an educational exhibit for the public to learn from and other things that will be advantageous in stamping out tuberculosis.

This organization should have every encouragement, financially as well as morally, not only from its citizens but from the municipal and county government and its little as we can do as individuals to assist this worthy charity in purchasing and using The Red Cross Stamps.

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CHAS. T. HARPER, M. D.
Supt. of Health.

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NEWS OF LUMBERTON

Variety of Local, General and Personal News From Robeson County Seat—Fine School Building—Fiscal Year.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 5.—The cold, disagreeable weather of the past two or three days caused the wood men to get busy and the demand for overcoats and rubber shoes got some of the merchants busy.

The change in the schedule which went into effect last Sunday, puts the early morning train here from Wilmington at 7:11 instead of 7:21, and the morning train from Charlotte at 9:28 instead of 9:23.

Memorial service will be held at the Methodist church tomorrow morning and memorials of members of that church who have died during the year will be read.

Mr. T. E. Petty was called to Pinehurst Tuesday night to attend the funeral Wednesday of his grandmother, Mrs. Martha Cole, who died suddenly. She was in her 79th year. Mr. Petty returned to Lumberton Wednesday night——Several merchants in town are already displaying Christmas goods. Some, however, who heretofore handled this class of goods cut it out this time.

Many of our people think Lumberton is at this time enjoying the best electric light service it has ever had. And in this connection it might be stated that the town is now furnishing the electric lamps to consumers at 21c for 8 and 16 candle power, and 42c for the 32s.

Sheriff McNeill finishes his second round of the county collecting taxes today and those who have not yet paid will have to fork over the cost when the collector calls on them.

Dr. H. T. Pope, who was severely injured in a runaway some time ago, left for the Hygeia Hospital, in Richmond, this week. The doctor expects to remain there for treatment some time. He was accompanied by Dr. McPhaul, who returned Thursday.

Mary Ledbetter, a colored woman living near Barnesville, was carried to the insane asylum at Goldsboro this week.

Mr. C. M. Fuller returned from the West yesterday, where he went to purchase mules and horses.

Rev. E. A. Baker, pastor of the Presbyterian church, was painfully injured one day this week, while assisting in the removal of some carpet from the church floor. A tack flew up and stuck in one corner of the eye ball, causing much pain for a short time. Rev. Mr. Baker hastened to a physician, who rendered necessary treatment.

Mr. J. L. Catoe, one of the Seaboard operators of this place, who, it was recently reported, would leave for another position, has reconsidered the matter and will remain here for the present at least. By a change in the office force Mr. Catoe is now acting as ticket agent and Mr. Petty, who has been the ticket agent for some time, will give all his time to the work in the freight office.

All theatre-goers in Lumberton are looking forward with much pleasure to next Tuesday night when Jed Carlton will fill a return engagement presenting "Was She to Blame?" People who saw this play here about a month ago declare it the best attraction which ever appeared before a Lumberton audience. Seats were put on sale at McMillan's drug store this morning and the indications are that the S. R. O. sign will go up long before the curtain. A special train is expected to bring quite a number of people from St. Paul's to see the show, returning after the performance is over.

A valuable horse belonging to Mr. Chas. M. Prevatt fell dead one night this week. He bought the horse last week.

A boy who shines shoes in one of the town barber shops has fallen upon a new plan to get business. He is now selling ten "shine tickets" for a quarter and says business is good.

Mr. Alexander Wilkerson, 63 years of age, residing two miles east of Lumberton, died Monday night after only a few days' illness. Mr. Wilkerson was a most excellent citizen and will be missed in the community in which he lived. The funeral was conducted Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, and the interment was made in the North Lumberton cemetery.

We heard a gentleman from Raleigh make the statement a few days ago that Lumberton had a graded school building that would do credit to any city in the State; that Raleigh only had one better school building, that being the Baptist University for Women, and that, knowing Prof. Sentelle as he did, he would not hesitate to say that no school in the State had a better superintendent. And Lumberton people are of the same opinion.

A two weeks' term of Robeson Superior Court for the trial of civil cases will convene Monday with Judge Biggs presiding.

At the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners Monday the county officers will qualify for the new term of office beginning that day. There is only one change in this county, Mr. T. N. Higley will succeed Mr. Abner Nash as Register of Deeds, It is understood that Mr. A. T. Parmele will be Deputy egister, and it is doubtful if Mr. Higley could have mele will be Deputy Register, and it has been Deputy Register for some time, is thoroughly familiar with the work, and is very popular with the people generally.

Where Bullets Flew.

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done is worth more than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well." 50c at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

Toys and dolls at Rehder's. **

CARD PLAYING AGAIN

Correspondent Writes Finally on Subject of Prizes for Games.

To the Editor of the Star:

Dear Sir: As Mr. Craft has seen fit to reply to me, not with arguments but with old hackneyed objections, please allow me to say one last word on the subject of prize card games: It is an outrage that the serious charge of gambling should be brought against thousands of lovely women, who, conscious of innocence at heart but unused to analysis and accustomed to accept the minister's word as Gospel truth, are unable to reconcile the two. Some, to drown the voice, plunge headlong into gayety and worldliness. This is one of the results of a confusion of the moral sense.

I deny that men learn to gamble by playing with their mothers and sisters. It is, rather, where the knowledge is acquired clandestinely, behind closed doors, without the sanction of parents, that gamblers are made. Neither do men become thus depraved in society.

In the estimation of the average society young man, there is no duller form of entertainment than a card party, and the anticipation of agreeable company is the only motive for his attendance.

Why should all the responsibility for this degrading vice be placed upon cards? Because they are used by refined people? That is no argument.

Let others bear their share of the odium. I am told that in Texas, the most popular mode of gambling, is the apparently harmless game of dominoes—while in Paris, large fortunes are daily staked and lost upon pure white lumps of sugar.

That other amusements are preferable is a mere matter of opinion. Each one to his taste—even should it be for Tiddle-de-winds—or kissing games—but in all, toleration for others.

Granting that it is more laudable to seek a prize for learning than for palying, in no way affects the question at issue, which is concerned alone with the methods employed.

To place the stigma of gambling—even in its border-land—upon this form of amusement it will be necessary to prove, first, that there is sin in playing a simple game of cards, which, with all his prejudice, Mr. Craft will be unable to do. There is at least, no Commandment against it—whereas, there is a very positive one against uncharitableness.

So, in my humble opinion, the question resolves itself thus.

The act of receiving a prize for skill of any kind, is in itself, harmless, to play a game of cards is equally so. Logically, to join the two does not alter the conditions.

Therefore, all prizes for games of rowing, wrestling, baseball, football and cards are placed exactly upon a par with those for scholarship.

With those for fun and those for glory, No other difference in the story.

M. F. PENDER.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements by Wilmington Pastors for Pulpits Today.

First Church of Christ, Scientist church edifice, Market and 17th streets Services at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. Subject of lesson sermon, "God the Only Cause and Creator." All are invited.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, North Fourth street: Sunday School at 10 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. and again at 7:30 P. M. by the pastor, Rev. Geo. S. Bearden. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Strangers are cordially invited.

Bladen Street M. E. Church, South, Rev. W. E. Hocutt, pastor: Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. The public is cordially invited.

Southside Baptist church, corner of **Fifth and Wooster streets, Rev. G.** A. Martin, pastor: Sunday School today at 3 P. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. by the pastor. **Prayer meeting Wednesday night A cordial welcome for all.**

Trinity M. E. Church, South, corner Ninth and Market streets, Rev. W. L. Rexford, pastor: Preaching today at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Sunday School at 3 o'clock. To all these services the public is cordially invited.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Sixth and Market streets, Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor. Second Sunday in Advent. English service at 11 A. M. **English vesper service at 7:30 P. M.** Sunday School 3:30 P. M. Christian Association 4:30 P. M. Mid-week service Wednesday 8:15 P. M. A cordial invitation to all. Seats free.

St. John's Church, Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. W. E. Cox, rector: Litany, sermon and Holy Communion 11 A. M. Sunday School at 4 P. M. Evening prayer with special sermon to Brotherhood men 8 P. M. All are cordially invited.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Fourth and Orange streets, Rev. A. W. Seabrease, rector. Sunday services morning at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. The hour of the Sunday evening service is changed from 8 to 5 P. M.

Brooklyn Baptist Church: Communion service today at 11 A. M. Subject of discourse, "Christ Our Intercessor." The evening theme will be "What is Christ to Me." Business meeting Monday night. Rev. C. F. Whitlock will preach at East Wilmington this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

$20 FOR JINGLES

Novel Contest Inaugurated by Advertisers by the Jingle Editor.

As will be seen by reference to a page advertisement elsewhere in the second section of today's paper, a prize jingle contest has been inaugurated by a number of Wilmington's enterprising merchants in which $20 in rewards are offered for the best jingle submitted for each of the lines suggested. Mr. T. D. Duff, who has successfully conducted similar contests in other cities in the State, is the jingle editor and jingles intended for the competition should be addressed to him and should reach him not later than Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock. The advertisement gives all particulars, so it is up to those with wits to get out pencil and paper and begin early. The contest lasts but one week.

An Incident of the Divorce Club.

[Original.]

The organization of the Divorce club was looked upon with amusement by those who had not tried matrimony and those who were happily married, but was very popular with divorcees. Its object was ostensibly to enable the members to compare notes, so that if any of them should happen to marry again they might benefit by each other's experiences. The real object was to find other mates.

Alexander Smithson became a member after the club had grown to be very large. It is questionable if Mr. Smithson joined for the purpose of finding a wife. He had loved the woman from whom he had been divorced and by whom he had had children. The cause of their separation was incompatibility. He became a member rather from curiosity and because he had been urged to join by his sister, Mrs. Chisholm, a lovely woman.

Mrs. Chisholm—her brother having been duly elected—told him that there was a member of the club to whom she was desirious of presenting him, a woman who, like himself, had made an unfortunate marriage and who might make the rest of his life happy. Smithson expressed a willingness to meet the lady, but his sister, whose matrimonial experiences had developed certain theories of her own, told him that it would be better he should make certain investigations before putting himself under an influence which would surely (if it existed) warp his judgment. She volunteered to furnish him with letters vouching for the good character, amiability and such other attributes of the lady in question as a good wife should possess. The vouchers were not to be signed, but Mrs. Chisholm knew every one of the writers to be capable and reliable witnesses. The lady they vouched for was to present a list of the faults of her divorced husband that led to her separation from him. Mrs. Chisholm proposed to furnish similar papers to the lady in question concerning her brother.

In due time Mr. Smithson received the testimonials and found them eminently satisfactory. Then one evening his sister sent for him and handed him a list of the shortcomings of the man who had been divorced from her friend. Smithson glanced them over and found them prefixed with a list of the man's good qualities. He was generous, honorable, an affectionate husband and father. Per contra, he never appreciated the home trials which beset his wife. He did not control his temper, never gave his wife a word of praise and if when she was harassed with domestic cares she was a bit cross and failed to meet him cheerfully on his return from business he would snarl at her, thus beginning a quarrel.

Mr. Smithson read the statement, pondered on it for some time, then said:

"Winnie, I'm thinking that some of these faults are more or less common with all men, and considering the good qualities laid down the lady must have been hasty in throwing the man over."

"Do you mean that a man may give way to them and make a woman happy?"

"Well, I dare say I have given way to them myself—at times."

"My friend tells me that any man she takes for a second husband must be free from these faults especially."

"Then I fear she will not want me, for I am not free from them, though I dare say were I to try matrimony again I would profit by this experience. Now I come to think of it, a good many of my quarrels with Alice began through some such cause as those mentioned among this man's faults."

The interview ended by Mr. Smithson giving his sister a letter to the lady she had picked out for him confessing that he regarded her husband's faults as human, that in some degree he possessed them himself and that in case of a second marriage he would exercise the greatest self restraint possible to avoid falling into them.

"I will hand this letter to my friend," said Mrs. Chisholm, "and now please give me for her a catalogue of Alice's faults that you require must be especially wanting in your second wife."

"I have made such a catalogue," said Smithson, "and have revised it. One by one I have stricken out her faults as simply a natural irritation till most of them have been erased, and since I have considered this paper you have handed me I fancy I may as well strike out what remains."

"If you feel that way, why not make it up with Alice?"

"Oh, it's too late for that." And, with a sigh, he intimated that he wished that contingency dropped.

The negotiations went on, a better understanding developing between the two club members as to what would be expected of each. Mr. Smithson thought that all this should take place after instead of before, but his sister insisted on the contrary. Finally when a solemn promise had been exacted of the man that he would not trouble a second wife with her first husband's faults and she had made a similar promise on her part a meeting was arranged to take place at Mr. Chisholm's residence.

When Smithson entered the room where he was to meet a possible wife, there stood the woman from whom he had been divorced, each of his two children holding one of her hands. Then the children advanced, and each, taking one of his own hands, led him to their mother.

And here ends the story.

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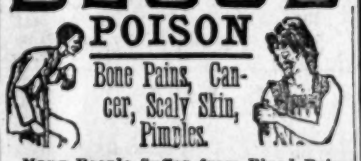

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to be held all this week at Schutt's Pharmacy. Ladies and gentlemen of Wilmington and vicinity cordially invited to call and receive free advice on the treatment of the hair and scalp.

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Prescriptions a Specialty.

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Huyler's Fresh Candy

Just received for Saturday's Customers. Try my 35 cent Chocolates, and Bon Bons at

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The Morning Star.

Sunday, December 6, 1908.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 6, 1908.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Saturday, Dec. 5th:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 44 degrees; 8 P. M. 53 degrees; maximum 52 degrees; minimum 44 degrees; mean 52 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .40; for the month, .75 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville Friday at 8 A. M. 5.4 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Showers late Sunday and possibly Monday; warmer Sunday; east shifting to southeast winds becoming fresh.

Port Calendar—Dec. 6.

Sun Rises.....6:54 A. M.
Sun Sets.....4:46 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 50 min.
High water at Southport 6:57 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 8:39 P. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Jingles—$20 in Prizes.
A. Shrier—The Excitement.
Railway Clerks—Minstrels.
Platt & Hear—Good Advice.
Rev. Lewis G. Wilson—Address.
J. F. Leitner—Elks' Attention.
C. W. Polvogt Co.—Keep Warm.
Crystal Palace—All This Week.
The A. David Co.—Merry Xmas.
C. H. Fore & Co.—Why Spend?
I. Shrier—International Clothes.
Gieschen Bros.—Closing Out Sale.
R. R. Bellamy—Newbro's Herpicide.
Geo. O. Gaylord—Christmas Wants.
Peterson & Rulfs—High Cut Shoes.
H. G. Williamson—Farm For Sale.
N. Jacobi Hardware Co.—Better Break.
Hamme the Hatter—Stop and Think.
N. Jacobi Hardware Co.—Gem Food Chopper.
St. John's Lodge—Special Communication.
J. H. Rehder & Co.—Christmas Goods.
Chadbourn Sash Door & Lumber Co.—You Want.
Wilmington Lodge, A. F. & A. M.—Emergent Communication.

Business Locals.

Wanted—Boarders.
J. W. Scott—Oysters.
For Sale—Touring Car.
For Rent—Large Room.
Wanted—Cigar Salesman.
Wanted—Cross-tie Cutter.
Wanted—To Buy Cottage.
For Sale—Pony and Buggy.
For Rent—Furnished Room.
J. O. Reilly—Desirable Store.
James Owen Reilly—A Bargain.
J. G. Wright & Son—For Rent.
King's Daughters—Annual Sale.
H. H. Ford—Graham Shorthand.
Beauty Shop—Hudnut Shampoos.
St. Agnes Guild—Fancy Goods Sale.
People's Building & Loan Asso.—Shares.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—C. D. Koonce, Esq., of Columbus, was among yesterday's arrivals in the city.

—Rev. J. T. Stanford, of the Scott's Hill Circuit, M. E. Church, spent yesterday in the city.

—Howard C. Curtis, Esq., of Southport, was among yesterday's arrivals and is a guest at The Orton.

—Mr. I. W. Murphy, of Greensboro, is spending a few days in the city with his brother, Dr. J. G. Murphy.

—Among the guests at The Orton yesterday were Messrs. B. J. Sanderlin, of Council's, and Alex Newton, of Clarkton.

—Ex-Congressman Robert B. Scarborough, of Conway, S. C., was here yesterday and was a guest at The Orton.

—Mr. W. S. Glenn and family, of Spartanburg, S. C., are guests at the home of Mrs. Glenn's sister, Mrs. A. D. McClure, on Fourth street.

—Judge J. Crawford Biggs, of Durham, and Solicitor N. A. Sinclair, of Fayetteville, arrived in the city yesterday evening from Whiteville where they have been holding Superior Court for the past week. They are guests at The Orton.

SALE AT A. SHRIER'S

Big Day Yesterday and Extra Salespeople For This Week.

Mr. J. L. Stern, of J. L. Stern & Co., who are conducting the sensational sale at A. Shrier's, was wearing the smile that wouldn't rub off last night when approached by a representative of the Star and asked as to the progress of the big merchandising event which he is engineering at the well known establishment named.

"We're simply doing immense," he enthusiastically replied. "Listen, our sales today have even surpassed ourselves; next week, we're to have extra salespeople and another remarking of values; the half has not yet been told about this big sale."

Having thus delivered himself, he proceeded to introduce tangible proof that he was not "talking through his hat." As soon as the store was closed last night, everything was busy straightening up the stock from the day's turmoil and the store will open tomorrow as bright as a new pin. Mr. Stern says there are many great values in the stock and he simply invites an inspection, confident that prices will do the rest.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral services of the late J. F. Maunder will be held at the residence, 215 North Fifth street, this (Sunday) afternoon at 2:15 o'clock. Interment in Oakdale cemetery. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

The Mission Pharmacy will present the winner of their prize jingle with a two-pound box of Guth Chocolates, "Get Busy Girls." **

ELK'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

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lections, the latter including a solo, "Father of Light," by Miss McIntosh.

Exalted Ruler J. F. Leitner will preside and the devotional exercises will be by the beloved Dr. James Carmichael, chaplain of the lodge. The annual collection for charity will be received and the ceremonies by the lodge from the ritual will be quite pretty and impressive. The Memorial Service Committee, composed of Messrs. C. W. Polvogt, I. W. Solomon and Jas. Owen Reilly, has made all arrangements and a fitting tribute will be paid to the "absent brothers," those from the Wilmington lodge being the late F. W. Foster, R. L. Gates, R. E. Zachary, E. P. Bailey, John H. Gore, Edgar J. Bear, Felix H. Kluttz, Leonard P. Aaron, Jno. M. Wright, Leo. Loeb and I. M. Bear.

The ushers who will serve for the afternoon are Messrs. B. B. Jackson, D. B. Sinclair, C. L. Browne, G. V. Harrell, M. B. Mintz and F. P. Turrentine. The invitation to the public is especially cordial and it is expected there will be a large attendance.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The services at St. James today will be at 11:30 A. M. and 5 P. M.

—Mr. J. M. Bolton, of Hamilton, Canada, representing the F. F. Dalley Co., of Buffalo, is in the city calling on the trade in the interest of the "Two-in-One" Shoe Polish.

—The annual election of officers will take place at the regular monthly meeting of the Howard Relief Club on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. A full attendance of members is desired.

—The Y. M. C. A. Bible Study Club will meet tomorrow evening as usual with supper at 7 and study at 7:20 o'clock. The class is growing in interest and membership.

—The service at the Boys' Brigade Armory this afternoon at 5 o'clock will be conducted by Rev. G. A. Martin, pastor of Southside Baptist church. Both gentlemen and ladies are invited.

—Summons was issued yesterday in a suit which Herbert McClammy, Esq., counsel for L. L. Siler, will bring in the Superior Court against the Tidewater Power Co. The complaint has not yet been filed.

—The annual sale of lingerie, dolls, fancy articles, etc., for Christmas by St. Agnes Guild will take place Thursday, December 10th. These sales always attract much attention and the one this year is going to prove no exception to the rule.

—It is gratifying to know that the sale of Red Cross Stamps by the local branch of the Society has now reached 16,000. Among some of the late additions to the users are the Delgado Cotton Mills and the Coca-Cola Bottling Works.

—All the dates for Miss Robson in "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary," north of Wilmington have been cancelled, it is stated, but it was announced yesterday that there had been no cancellation of the date of the appearance here on Friday evening of this week.

—Chief of Police Williams yesterday received a long distance telephone message from Wilson, N. C., asking that the three tramps under arrest here for vagrancy in connection with the Bradshaw case, be held until an officer from there can come down today and look them over. It is suspicioned that they are wanted in Wilson for storekreaking.

INTERNATIONAL TAILORING.

Second Announcement by Mr. I. Shrier of Interest to Public.

The attention of the reader need hardly be called to the attractive page advertisement elsewhere in today's Star, being the second announcement of Mr. I. Shrier, northeast corner of Front and Princess streets, giving notice of a great tailoring event that will begin at his store on Thursday of this week. On this date Mr. Shrier will institute a great sale of International Tailoring Company's clothing, made to measure from a swell line of fabrics, all this season's offerings. Every suit will be made strictly to measurement and the price will be only $12.50. Many people remember a similar sale not a long while ago and are "wise" to this one. No matter what fabric is selected—and they are all new—the price will be the same, $12.50, while every overcoat fabric will be sold at $14.50. The reputation of the International Tailoring Co., is too well known to need a word here. Mr. Shrier has perfect confidence in the company and the public has perfect confidence in Mr. Shrier. Look for the opening and be early with a selection.

STRUCK WITH HATCHET

William Motte Severely Wounded in Barbecue Stand Last Night.

After, it is alleged, he had refused to settle for a meal, knocked two men down, drawn his knife and otherwise made a "rough house' of Glissen & Nixon's barbecue stand at Fourth and Brunswick streets early last night, William Motte, a well known young white carpenter who lives near Tenth and Market streets, was severely but not seriously wounded by being struck in the back with a hatchet in the hands of some person unknown to the police.

Jerry Hall, a colored man, was arrested on suspicion by Officer W. R. Appleberry, who arrived on the scene first, but he denied any connection with the affair whatever, saying that he saw the blow struck by a young white man whom he did not know just after Motte had knocked Mr. Z. A. Barnes down. Motte was sent to the hospital and the police are endeavoring to find the man who assaulted him.

DIED.

STEVENSON—At her home in this city Saturday, Dec. 5th, 1908, MRS. CHRISTIANA E. STEVENSON, relict of the late Major James M. Stevenson, aged 83 years.

Funeral tomorrow (Monday) at 10 A. M. from her late residence, 323 South Fifth street, interment in Oakdale. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

FORTY HOURS' ADORATION

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preach at the evening service at 8 o'clock.

On Tuesday the masses will be at the same hours as on the previous day. The closing sermon will be special for the occasion. The Litany of the Saints, etc., will be chanted before the benediction. The hour for the evening devotions will be 8 P. M. A class of adults will be confirmed on Tuesday morning by the Rt. Rev. Bishop after the 11 o'clock mass, when the impressive rite will be witnessed by the faithful.

LOCAL DOTS.

A deed was filed yesterday conveying from Layton L. Boon to I. J. Sternburger, for $50, a parcel of land in block 197 on Chesnut between Seventh and Eighth streets, 10x20 feet in size.

—The Ministering Circle of the King's Daughters will hold the annual sale of fancy articles and candies at No. 110 Nun street, beginning at 3:30 P. M. on Thursday of this week. The public is invited to attend.

—Goldsboro Argus: "Contractor Hatch, of Wilmington, who has the contract for painting the new union station, expects to complete the work on this building by the end of the week."

—Charged with disorderly conduct and assault and battery, Minnie Pridgen and Edrona Miles, both colored, were tried in Justice Bornemann's court yesterday and taxed with the cost in each action.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Hospital Circle will be held at the residence of Miss Serena Chadbourn, No. 17 South Fourth street Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. John J. Blair will speak to the Circle on the Reformatory question.

—A dog showing symptoms of hydrophobia was killed yesterday at corner of Seventh and Queen streets, by Sergeant King. The canine had bitten several dogs and it was considered rather dangerous to allow him to run at large.

—There will be confirmation services at St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church tonight, at which several persons will be received into membership. Special music has been prepared for the occasion and the public is invited.

—The press reporter of the First Baptist Baraca Class wishes it stated that he was in error in announcing that Mr. Marshall A. Hudson, president of the World Wide Baraca would be present at the social to be given by the class on the evening of Dec. 15th.

—Rev. Lewis G. Wilson, secretary of the American Unitarian Association, of Boston, will deliver an address in the Elks' Temple, on North Front street, next Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present.

—Deputy Sheriff H. W. Howell, Messrs. E. D. Conway and C. E. Williams, named as assessors by the court, yesterday laid off the homestead exemptions of Annie Smith, widow of the late Owen Smith, this including a house and lot on Marsteller street.

—The Newbern Journal of a recent date has the following: "Mrs. G. M. Fomby, is in the city working in the interest of the Rescue Home at Wilmington. This home is not only intended for the rescue of fallen women, but for the rescue of children also, removing them from vile influences and placing them in good homes where they may grow into useful citizens. The work is a great one and deserves encouragement, and there is no better way to encourage it than to contribute a little money towards its support. The institution depends for its support entirely upon free will offerings, until some kind philanthropist opens his heart and makes it a generous endowment."

MRS. CHRISTIANA STEVENSON.

Passed Away Yesterday Afternoon at Advanced Age in This City.

Many friends will hear with sorrow of the death of Mrs. Christiana E. Stevenson, relict of the late Major James M. Stevenson, one of Wilmington's distinguished citizens of other days, which occurred at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at her home, No. 323 South Fifth street, at the advanced age of 83 years. Mrs. Stevenson had been in very feeble health for some time and while the end was expected at most any time, it came as a sad realization to family and friends.

Mrs. Stevenson is survived by two children, Mrs. John T. Rankin and Mrs. C. C. Brown and by one sister, Miss Mary F. Sanders. There are also a large number of grand-children who were tenderly devoted to her. All the bereaved ones have the sympathy of many friends in their sorrow. The funeral will be conducted tomorrow at 10 A. M. from the residence by Rev. Fred D. Hale, D. D., and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

Basket Ball Games.

Two fast and snappy basket ball games opened the League series at the Y. M. C. A. last night, Capt. McClelland's team defeating that of Capt. Thees, 14 to 12, and Capt. Hanson's team defeating that of Capt. Stevens, 18 to 12. The captains of the two first named teams played centre, Leicht and Silverman forwards, Howe and Burkhardt guards, for the winners, and Morris and Gore, forwards, and Rutledge and LeMoyne, guards for the losers. Fillyaw was centre, White and Silverman forwards, and Andrews and Hanson guards for the winners in the second game; Stevens centre, Kessler and Kendall forwards, Shannon and Seeders guards, for the vanquished.

DIED.

FOWLER—At her late residence in this city at 6 o'clock Saturday morning, December 5th, MRS. ZILLAH FOWLER, relict of William G. Fowler, in her 90th year.

The funeral will take place this (Sunday) afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the late residence, 226 South Front street, with interment in Oakdale cemetery, Rev. W. E. Cox, of St. John's Church, officiating.

Salads, 25c to $2.25.

J. H. Rehder & Co.
THE POPULAR DEPARTMENT STORE
The Firm That Pays Your Car Fare

Drums, 25c to $1.25

Toys, Dolls and Fancy Goods

Holiday goods are being shown in great abundance. Low prices and variety are the attractions.

THE 5 CENT COUNTER.

Balls, Tea Sets, Masks, Surprise Boxes, Dominoes, Dolls, and many other new things.

THE 10 CENT COUNTER.

Vases, Cups and Saucers, large Rubber Balls, Horns, Trumpets, Rolling Chimes, Rattles, Watches Kitchen Sets, Wagons, Masks and a variety of fancy Glass Ware.

THE 25 CENT COUNTERS.

Drums, Trumpets, Cornets, Violins, Building Blocks, Rolling Chimes, Chairs, Folding Beds, Pianos, Ranges, Magis Lanterns, Mechanical Toys, Horses, Go-Carts, and a great assortment of fancy goods.

LARGER AND BETTER TOYS.

DOLLS in wonderful assortment. Baby Carriages, 25c to $6.50.

Go-Carts, wheelbarrows, Express Wogan, 25c to $4.00.

Rocking Horses, Tricycles, Velosipedes, Automobiles, Irish Mail, Self Running Traction Trains and many other new things that we have not the space to mention.

You will receive the same courteous treatment here now as at all other times. More help has been employed to take care of the Rush.

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The Theatre

There is to be no cessation of merriment and expensive offerings at the Crystal Palace. This popular vaudeville theatre will follow up its big offering last wek with what is said to be a more costly and novel one this week. The acts are all new, bright and thoroughly up-to-date, while the artists are from the ranks of the best known. Such clever people will be on the bill as Renzetta and Lyman, who are swell exponents of comedy and who include in their act some wonderful acrobatic stunts; DeChaunt and his trained dogs, which should prove a strong card with the ladies and children, while greatly pleasing the men folks; Miss Estelle Hamilton, a popular and clever soubrette, who will introduce some of the latest, snappiest songs and most jolly sayings; and Len Welch, the well known Hebrew comedian and impersonator, and who will present a very laughable sketch, one away from the beaten path.

These artists will make up a swell offering, and a costly one, too, but the prices will not be advanced, remaining at the present very low scale.

"The Jester."

The Bijou will offer tomorrow an especially pleasing new film, "The Jester," in which a beautiful young queen, having arrived at a marriageable age, her councilors decide that she must marry. Proclamation is made and suitors are invited to contest for her hand. There are many applicants but a little dwarf of a jester, after various trials and tribulations, finally wins her heart and hand and they are married. The picture is nearly a thousand feet in length and is quite pretty.

Ladies' Golf Match Yesterday.

The approaching and putting match by the ladies of the Cape Fear Golf Club served to attract about one hundred players and members to the links and the affair was one of the most successful of the season. The first prize for the match was won by Miss Mary Calder; the second, by Mrs. E. C. Holt and the third, by Mrs. F. W. Dick. The prizes, a large and two smaller silver cups, were presented after the match in a characteristic and humorous little address by Captain Donald MacRae. The ladies served tea during the afternoon and the players, members and guests enjoyed a delightful afternoon.

First Monday Meetings.

Tomorrow the usual first Monday meetings will be held by county and municipal bodies and Superior Court will begin a one-week term for the trial of civil causes. It will be a busy day in official life. The $400,000 in bonds for waterworks and sewerage will be offered to the highest bidder at noon by the Finance Committee and the Board of Aldermen will meet at night to ratify any sale that may be recommended.

PRUDENCE

Says buy today a bottle of Gowan's Preparation and be prepared for the first symptoms of Croup, Pneumonia, Colds, Coughs—for Gowan's prevents and cures. It is external. 25c; 50c; $1.00. All druggists—have it in your home. Be ready and then no regret—no excuse.

Sargent's Gem Food Chopper

Is an article for kitchen use, intended to take the place of the chopping bowl and knife. It is carefully made and nicely tinned. It has self-sharpening steel cutters that cannot break, also cutter for making nut butter.

YOU NEED IT IN YOUR KITCHEN

It chops all kinds of meat, both raw and cooked, fish, clams, fruit, vegtables, and other articles of food. Chops quickly, quietly, and easily. Is easy to take apart, easy to put together, easy to adjust, easy to use. It saves time, trouble, strength, and food, and greatly simplifies the making of croquettes, salads, fish balls, hash, Hamburg steak, and other favorite dishes without limit. Utilizes "left-overs," which can be made into attractive and appetizing dishes by using the Gem.

Cloth bound Gem-chopper Cook-book, containing two hundred valuable recipes, given with each Chopper.

N. Jacobi Hardware Co., Wilmington.

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50 ARE LOST IN STORM

Seamen on Several Vessels Die in Severe Storm on Upper Atlantic Coast—Life Belts Bear Name of Strange Steamer.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 5.—More than half a hundred seamen have lost their lives off the upper north Atlantic coast during the past few days as the result of a storm of unprecedented severity, and it is possible that the turbulent sea has claimed even a greater toll of lives. The reckoning, itemized as accurately as the meagre details will allow is rendered as follows:

Dec. 3. 17 members of the crews of three fishing schooners, drowned off the New Foundland coast.

Dec. 4. 28 members of the crew of the steamer Soo City, which is believed to have sank in the gulf of St. Lawrence.

Dec. 5. seven members of the crew of Barge No. 101 which went down off the coast of Nova Scotia.

In addition to this death toll, which it will be noted, includes no passengers, there developed a mystery tonight in the discovery of life belts bearing the name "S. S. Stanley" which were washed ashore with the wreckage of the Soo City. No steamer of that name navigating in this vicinity has been reported, and in lieu of an other explanation, it is said that these life belts might have been a second hand purchase for use aboard the Soo City.

SCHUBERT HALL RECITAL.

Pupils of Miss Cannie Chasten Give Delightful Affair.

The following was the programme of a recital given by pupils of Miss Cannie Chasten, assisted by Miss Mary Bridgers, soprano, and Mr. J. B. Fenley, tenor, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock in Schubert Hall:

Nocturne in C. Minor.....Chopin
Agnes Hall Chasten.
Berceuse, (From Jocelyn)...—Godard
Mr. J. B. Fenley.
"To a Wild Rose".....
"In Autumn".....MacDowell
"To a Water Lily".....
Dollie Rhodes.
"The Hills O'Skye".....Victor Harris
Miss Mary Bridgers.
Une Tabatiere a Musique.....Liadow
Prelude in A. Minor.....Chaminade
Katie Foard.

AN ORGAN RECITAL

Programme by Mr. G. L. Johnson at St. Andrew's This Evening.

Mr. G. L. Johnson, choirmaster of Saint James and one of the most gifted musicians in the city, will play at the evening service at Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church today and after the regular service will give an organ recital. Mr. Fenley will also sing a solo at the evening service. The programme for the recital is as follows:

Concert Overture.....Hollins
Romance.....LeMare
Scotch Air (varied).....Buck
Caprice.....Guilmant
Berceuse.....Guilmant
Great Fugue in G. Minor.....Bach
Coronation Anthem.....Handel

The public is cordially invited to attend the services at St. Andrew's today. Strangers will find a cordial welcome.

Southport Bank in New Hands.

The Bank of Southport, an institution of several years' existence, has recently been taken over by Messrs. W. B. and Thos. E. Cooper, of this city, who will assume management on the first of January. Mr. J. J. Loughlin retires from the cashiership to devote his attention to other business interests and has been succeeded by Mr. O. D. Daniels, of Mullins, S. C., who has already entered upon his duties in this capacity. The capital stock is owned by Southport business men and the bank is a safe and progressive institution.

James Under a Peace Bond.

Charged with trespassing on the lands of Sim Franks, after he had been forbidden, and on a peace warrant for threatening the latter's life, Paul James, colored, was tried in Justice Furlong's court yesterday afternoon and sent to jail in default of a peace bond of $100. In the first action he was taxed with the costs. James was arrested last Wednesday at Greenville Sound.

CAPT. SAMUEL PATTERSON.

Being Court Martialed at Norfolk Navy Yard—Disobeyed Orders.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 5.—It is confirmed tonight that Captain Samuel A. W. Patterson, United States Marine Corps, is being court martialed at the navy yard on the charge of failure to obey orders and that J. Newton is to be tried later on the same charges. Rear Admiral Nathan E. Miles, is the president of the court martial. Officials decline to make any statement, but the specifications are said to be sensational.

In a field soft and in spots muddy from the recent snows Denver University yesterday held the Carlisle Indians to a close score, the latter team winning by a score of 8 to 4. All of Carlisle's points were scored in the first half by Hauser, who made two beautiful goals from the field.

Privates Bryant and Maxwell of Battery C., First Field Artillery, at Fort Sill, Okla., were killed outright and Private Hicks, of the same battery, is not expected to survive as the result of the breaking yesterday afternoon of a bridge over which a detachment of artillerymen were riding.

Quarterback Samuel W. Honaker, of Plano, Tex., has been elected captain of the University of Virginia football team for the next year.

$12.50 Suits at Penny's Carnival Sale go at $8.89. **

Sash belts, new colors, at Rehder's. **

NIGHT RIDERS RELEASED

Two Implicated in Tennessee Lynching Turned Loose By Order Circuit Court and Re-Arrested. Others Given Freedom.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 5.—As prearranged by the prosecution, when Lige Cloar and Tom Johnson, alleged leaders of the night rider band of Reelfoot Lake, were formally released from custody today under the bond ordered by the Circuit Court of Davidson county their re-arrest followed immediately and tonight they with five confined in the county jail with five other alleged members of the lake clan. The action against the two men taken to court today was accepted as representing the other five prisoners who did not go through the formality of appearing in court.

The re-arrest of the men was under capiases charging a capital offense, the indictments being drawn under the old Ku Klux act, charging Johnson and Cloar while masked and armed, with having committed a felonious assault with deadly weapons. A motion of the defense that the men be released under bond on the indictments were denied. A motion that the attorneys representing the men be furnished the names of witnesses who will be called to testify will be argued Monday and will be vigorously resisted by the State.

The prosecution will announce themselves as ready for trial Monday afternoon but the actual trials will probably not begin until the middle of the week.

Three men who have been confined in the military barracks here for the past 30 days, John Cothram, Tom Ferrell and Howard Hicks, charged with implication in the night rider raids were released today for lack of evidence.

Deputy Sheriff Coar, brother of one of the principals in today's court procedure, resigned today.

THE CHURCH'S DUTY.

To Fight Socialism of the Worst Sort. A Stirring Speech.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Philadelphia, Dec. 5.—In a stirring speech to the delegates of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Rev. Charles Stelzle, of New York, today declared that the churches must look after the religious and moral welfare of immigrants in order to prevent the onward march of socialism. "While our churches are deserting the down-town fields in New York and letting the immigrants look out for themselves, socialism is sweeping in," said Dr. Stelzle, who is secretary of the department of church and labor of the Presbyterian church. "Every night speeches are made from boxes on street corners and the foreigners are accepting Socialism. And it is not the Christian Socialism that you hear about, but it is the Socialism that preaches revolution and is a real menace to the country."

The council held but one session today. Among the matters disposed of was a request of the anti-saloon League of America to investigate its management, charges having been made that the league is not being properly conducted. The council decided that it had not jurisdiction in the matter.

Resolutions were adopted expressing the conviction of the Federal Council that in view of conditions that exist in cities, small towns and rural communities that the time has come when the churches should join their forces in federated effort and that the aim should be to make a local federation a means through which the evangelistic need and moral welfare of the community will be cared for most effectively.

THE SOUTHERN CONGRESS

Meets in Washington this week—South's Resources to be Shown.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 5.—The Southern Congress, which begins a two days session here Monday next, and whose objects and purposes are to unfold the resources and industrial possibilities of the Southern States, is expected to attract an unusual attendance, among whom will be many industrial leaders and representatives of commercial bodies.

The South will provide a large representation, while from Chicago, Trenton, N. J., and New York City will come many men who in this way propose studying the South as a field for commercial development. Those in charge of the arrangements for the congress have hit upon the plan of conspiciously displaying numerous diagrams and charts showing the possibilities of the South, which, it is said, will provide valuable information aside from the various papers which will be read.

By courtesy of the Secretary of the Navy, the United States marine band, before the opening of the congress Monday morning, will give a concert in the auditorium of the Willard Hotel, where the session will be held. The first of these will be presided over by Philip Werlein, president of the New Orleans Progressive Union; the third by James E. Smith, president of the St. Louis Business Men's League; the fourth by Charles Hall Davis, president of the Petersburg, Va., chamber of commerce and the sixth by W. A. Bourns, president the Jacksonville board of trade.

On the grounds of violating the anti-rebate laws and alleged illegal connection with the Standard Trust Co., of Nashville, Tenn., State Insurance Commissioner C. W. Bell, of Kentucky has revoked the license of the Security Life Insurance Company of America to do business in Kentucky. The company was admitted to the State in June, 1907.

A 10c handkerchief at Penny's Carnival Sale sells at 4c. **

A great assortment of dolls and toys at Rehder's. **

DEATH OF MRS. FOWLER.

Passed Away at Advanced Age in This City Yesterday Morning.

Friends will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Zillah Fowler, relict of the late William G. Fowler, of this city, and one of the oldest residents of Wilmington, which occurred at 6 o'clock yesterday morning at her home, No. 226 South Front street, in the 90th year of her age. Mrs. Fowler, on account of the infirmities of one of her age, had been in feeble health for some time and while her death was not unexpected, it came as a sad realization to the family and friends.

Mrs. Fowler leaves no children, but is survived by a number of nieces, nephews and grand nieces. The nieces are Mrs. Sallie James, Mrs. Martin Schulken, Mrs. T. F. Bagley and Miss Emily Miller; nephews, Mr. W. R. Morrison and Mr. M. Daniels, of Wilmington, and Messrs. J. B. and Frank Schulken, of Whiteville; grand nieces, Mrs. L. H. Burnett, Mrs. J. H. Mallard and Mrs. Eustace Norfleet, of Wilmington.

Mrs. Fowler had lived continuously on corner of Front and Ann streets for upwards of 60 years and the funeral will be from there at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, conducted by Rev. Wm. E. Cox, and the interment will be in Oakdale cemetery.

ADMIRAL COGHLAN DEAD

Former Commander of the Raleigh Fatally Stricken With Apoplexy.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 5.—Just on the eve of his removal to his new home where he had hoped to spend his declining years in quiet after a lifetime of arduous service in the Navy, Rear Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan, retired, died suddenly here today of apoplexy, aged 64. Although his health had not been of the best for many months, Rear Admiral Coghlan"s condition was not regarded at any time as dangerous. Early today, however, there came a sudden change for the worse and he sank rapidly until death came late today.

While Rear Admiral Coghlan was awaiting the completion of his new home, he, with Mrs. Coghlan, had been living at the home of Charles Chamberlain at Sutton Manor. It was that the Admiral was stricken and died.

Rear Admiral Coghlan was born at Frankfort, Ky., and his service in the Navy began in 1863, when he was graduated from the United States Naval Academy at the age of 17. From that time until his retirement in December 1906, he was almost constantly in the service. He participated in the battle of Manila Bay, during the Spanish War, where he commanded the cruiser Raleigh, and was advanced in numbers in rank for eminent and conspicuous conduct in that fight.

The Carnival Bargain Sale at W. J. Penny & Co., is now in full blast. **

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

THAT DESIRABLE STORE on the southeast corner of Second and Princess streets, for rent from January 1st, 1909. Apply to J. O. Reilly, Real Estate and Insurance Agent. de 6-2t

OH! WHAT A BARGAIN—You can buy a seven-room, two-story dwelling on North Third street for less than $2,600. I will tell you how much less when I talk it over with you. Lot 33 feet front by 165 feet depth. It is absolutely the cheapest property for sale in the city. Apply at once to James Owen Reilly, Insurance and Real Estate Agent. de 6-2t

532 SHARES were taken Saturday and over two hundred additional shares pledged for Saturday, December 12th. We want this series the greatest of all. Shares are obtainable any time this week. People's Building & Loan Association, office 206 Princess street. de 6-1t.

ST AGNES GUILD will hold its annual Christmas sale of lingerie, dolls, fancy articles, candy, etc., Thursday, 10th, at 10:30 A. M. de 6-1t.

UPHOLSTERING, repairing, varnishing, at 114 1-2 Dock street. 'Phone No. 1465. Carolina Upholstering Company, P. J. Breen, manager. de 6 tf

FOUR YOUNG MEN—Can secure nicely furnished rooms with board, electric lights, hot and cold baths, at 313 North Second street, 'phone 1487. de 6-1t.

WANTED—To buy at a bargain, small cottage at once. Address "J. W." care of Star. de 6-1t.

OYSTERS—At 121 1-2 South Front street, you can get oysters roasted, stewed, fried or New River on the half shell, which we deliver in the neighborhood. J. W. Scott. de 6-6t*

CIGOR SALESMAN WANTED—In your locality to represent us. Experience unnecessary; $100 per month and expenses. Write for particulars. Monarch Cigar Co., St. Louis, Mo. dec 6 1t*

FOR RENT—A nicely furnished room with privilege of bath and phone. Suitable for one or two gentlemen. Address 324 South Fifth street. de 6 1t

EXPERIENCED CROSS-TIE CUTTER wanted. Apply after 8 A. M., room No. 5, Allen Building, Princess street. dec 6 1t*

FOR SALE—Pony and trap. Apply at 410 North Seventh street. de 61t*

FOR RENT—Three large south rooms on first floor, for housekeeping, 116 North Third street. dec 6 1t*

FOR SALE—A four-passenger touring car in running order has brand new tires with all other equipments. Can be bought cheap. P. O. Box 172. dec 6 1t*

THE BEAUTY SHOP is making specialty of Hudnut Shampoos this month. Get one while weather is pleasant. They are cleansing health-giving and lasting. 215 1-2 North Front street, 'phone 1543. dect 6 1t*

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

FOR RENT—Dwelling No. 10 North Fourth street. All modern improvements. Possession given at once. Apply to J. G. Wright & Son. dec 6 1t

THE MINISTERING CIRCLE of the King's Daughters will hold their annual sale of fancy articles, candy, etc., on Thursday at 3:30 P. M., at 110 Nun street. Public cordially invited to attend. dec 6 3t

LEARN GRAHAM SHORTHAND—Taught by members of National Shorthand Reporters' Association. $5 a month. H. H. Ford, 120 North Fourth street. dec 6 1t*

THE OLD RELIABLE, the Wilmington Pressing Club, is still running at the old stand on Second street. Others come and go, but the old Wilmington comes and stays. de 5-tf.

FOR RENT—A nice five-room cottage with acre of ground, on Castle Hayne road, one-fourth of mile from city. P. Q. Moore. de 5-1w.

FOR SALE—Two drawer National Cash Register, in perfect condition. Apply to Box 453, City. dec 5 2t

WANTED—Position by an experienced bookkeeper with wholesale house or bank; can operate typewriter. At present employed. Address Box 264, Kingstree, S. C. de 5-2t*

FOR SALE—A gentle combination, horse, runabout and harness. Apply to Moses Bear, 18 Market street. dec 4 tf

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS — Overhauled, repaired and tuned. Work guaranteed. Address Geo. Haar, 315 South Fifth street. dec 2 eod 1m

CALENDAR Salesmen, experienced in the sale of Advertising Calendars. Large line, best selling styles. Imported and Domestic. New line for 1910 ready Jan. 1, 1909. Deal with Main office direct, no middle-men. Address with references; Aug. Gast Bank Note and Litho. Co., St. Louis, Mo. nov 29 dec 5 *

WANTED—Position by competent bookkeeper; can keep any set of books; am now employed but desire change on account of location; good experience with firm with whom I am now employed; good habits; will commence work January 1st, '09. Can furnish excellent reference. Answer quick. Address "Hustler" care of Morning Star. nov 29 2t dec 5*

WILL SELL or exchange for real estate, bank stock or live stock, high grade touring car, fully equipped and in perfect condition. Address Box 16, City. nov 29 dec 6 12*

MOTHER'S, how can you take the chance? Keep a bottle of mother's joy in your house. You need mother's joy every day. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

FOR RENT—Store and warehouse 108 North Water street, at present occupied by J. S. Funchess & Co. Possession given at once. Apply to Morris Bear & Bros. au 5 su-we-fri-tf.

PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER, NOTARY PUBLIC—Expert work of any kind, anywhere, any time. Court reporting, depositions, medical papers. Notarial work. Meares Harriss, 114 Princess street. Phone 708; residence phone 546. sep 2 eod

CYPHERS INCUBATORS, the kind you don't have to watch all night. Incubators, brooders and poultry supplies of every kind. Everything guaranteed. W. E. Merritt, 114 Princess street. se 6 sun only 3m

LUMBER AT RETAIL—Grades and prices right. See us before buying. Angola Lumber Co. aug 30 tf

MOTHER'S JOY is made of pure goose grease and other healing ingredients. Mothers, you can't afford to be without a box of mother's joy. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

MOTHER, do you hear that rattling in your baby's throat put a little of mother's joy on it and stop it at once. nov 22 we-fr-su-tf

FOR RENT—Store No. 11 Market street, runs back to alley. Suitable for grocery and commission business. Apply to James Owen Reilly. nov 22-tf

PHOTOGRAPHS—Visit the U. C. Ellis Studio for bright, clear, artistic photographs that don't fade. At reasonable prices. dec 3 tf

FOR SALE—A four-room cottage, in center of city on car line. Has gas, water, electric lights and telephone. Splendid neighborhood. Address "B. S. W." care of Star office. noc 25-tf.

PEAS—We buy and sell peas. Write us what you want to buy or have to sell. Oscar High, Whiteville, N. C. dec 2 6t

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up to date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 713. sep 22-tf

THE GILBERT HOUSE—Combines home comforts with hotel conveniences. Front and Princess streets; junction of all cars. Cars to depot. Steam heat, electric light and hot water. Table equals the best and rates reasonable. Transient $1.25 to $1.50 per day. Rates to regular and table boarders. oct 25 tf

DELMONICO CAFE—Blue Point oysters on half shell and quail on toast. de 1-1m

FARM FOR SALE

I have for sale a splendid Farm, located near Mount Olive, N. C., containing 290 acres—220 acres cleared and in high state of cultivation, and 70 acres in woods land, well timbered. Situated just outside stock law territory. This Farm has been producing from one to two bales of cotton to the acre every year. It contains also one 2-story dwelling house, five good tenant houses, one large 2-story store house, one cotton gin, several tobacco barns, etc. This property is situated in one of the best localities of this entire section, with good schools and churches convenient. Terms of sale—One fourth cash, balance on easy terms at 6 per cent. interest. Going to be sold! Apply to

H. G. WILLIAMSON
Real Estate Agent,
MOUNT OLIVE, N. C.
dec 6 1t

BETTER BREAD
Made In Three Minutes with The
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BREAD MAKER and RAISER
than can be made by hand in 30 Minutes.
Hands do not touch the dough.
DOES AWAY WITH HAND KNEADING.
Easy to clean. A child can work it.
SOLD BY
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ATLANTIC CAFE

Closing Out Sale

—of—

Wines and Liquors

The day for Prohibition to take effect is near at hand, therefore supply yourself while our stock is yet complete.

BULK GOODS

	Per Gal.
G. B. PRIVATE OLD STOCK reduced from $5.00 to	$3.75
XXXX MARYLAND RYE from $4.00 to	$3.00
Sam Dean reduced from $2.75 to	$2.25
Porto Rico Rum reduced from $4.00 to	$3.00
New England Rum, double stamped, from $3.00 to	$2.25
1905 Superior Old Corn reduced from $3.50 to	$2.50
Select Old Corn reduced from $2.75 to	$2.25
California Sherry reduced from $1.75 to	$1.25
SHERRY, PORT or CLARET, 3 bottles for	$1.00
SHERRY, PORT or CLARET, 12 bottles for	$3.50

We have a few cases of our own importation of Claret and Madeira Wine, also Gordon London Dry Gin, selling at reduced prices, buy before it is gone.

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For further information phone 160.

T. C. WHITE,
General Passenger Agent.
W. J. CRAIG,
Passenger Traffic Manager.
Wilmington, N. C.
dec 2 til 8

State of North Carolina,
New Hanover County.

By virtue of the power of sale given me under the will of Mrs. Emeline Rush, and in accordance with the directions contained in the said will, I the undersigned Executor, Will expose for sale at Public Auction, for cash, to the highest bidder at the Court House Door of New Hanover County, North Carolina on Monday the 7th ,day of December A. D. 1908 at 12 o'clock M., on said day the following described tract, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of New Hanover, City of Wilmington, North Carolina and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:—Beginning at a point in the Southern line of Orange street Sixty-six feet Eastwardly from the Southeastern intersection of Sixth and Orange streets and runs thence Eastwardly with the Southern line of Orange street Thirty feet, thence Southwardly and parallel with Sixth street One Hundred and Sity-five feet, thence Westwardly and parallel with Orange street Thirty feet, thence Northwardly and parallel with Sixth street One Hundred and Sixty-five feet to Orange street, the beginning, the same being part of losts, 1, 2 and 3 in Block 131 according to the official plan of the City of Wilmington, N. C.

Terms of sale cash.

DANIEL O'CONNOR,
nov 5 30d Executor.

The best Christmas present is something for the home.

The best thing for the home is an Edison Phonograph. Nothing makes home so inviting and so popular as this great and versatile entertainer.

You have a choice of seven models.

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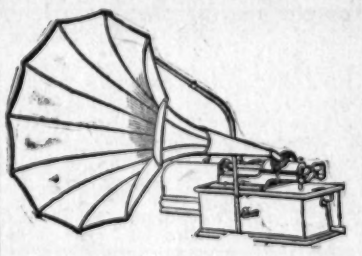

J. W. Robinson & Co.
205 Princess Street.
dec 1 tf

BIDS WANTED.

Bids will be received by the County Commissioners until Monday, Dec. 7th, at 3 o'clock P. M., for following supplies for New Hanover County for year 1908-1909.

For furnishing Coal (Anthracite and Bituminous) for use at Court House and Jail.

For Lighting County Clock.

For Keeping County Clock.

For filling prescription for Out Door Poor.

For feeding, clothing (including hats and shoes) and medicine for convicts.

For feeding the guards at convict camp.

Respectfully,
D. McEACHERN,
Chairman Board of Commissioners.
New Hanover County. nov 26 tf

NO SAILING

Only in a canoe by myself. $1.00 to $1.25 Shirts at 69 cents.

TAYLOR THE TAILOR

Next to Elks' Temple, North Front street.

dec 5 tf

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Winston Sentinel: The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company is contemplating (in fact planning for) the erection of another mammoth factory for the manufacture of tobacco.

—Rockingham Anglo-Saxon: We learn that the Seaboard has purchased 30 acres of land in Hamlet out near the cemetery, but for what purpose it is to be used we are unable to say.

—Newbern Journal: Mr. Doan, one of the contractors on the inland waterway, passed through the city last night to Beaufort with his family. Work on the canal will commence in a few weeks.

—Goldsboro Argus: At a recent and enthusiastic meeting of the Goldsboro Athletic Association, it was decided to continue Goldsboro in the Eastern Carolina Baseball League next year.

—Rockingham Anglo-Saxon: From a telephone message we learn that while working on the dam at Blewett Falls Thursday afternoon about 4 o'clock, two white men, Mr. John Clark and Mr. John Little fell off and were drowned. Our informant could not tell exactly how the accident happened. He thinks they were from Alamance county. They had been working there some time.

—Sampson Democrat: Mr. A. T. Kenyon writes from Buena Ventura, Colombia, S. A., that he is coming to New Jersey soon, and very probably to Clinton. He has been engaged at civil engineering and surveying in the construction of a railroad over the Andes mountains. He encloses in his letter some of the money down there, which he mentions. You ought to see this money, reader, it is right much of a curiosity.

—Sanford Express: The work of ascertaining Lee county's part of Moore's indebtedness was finished by the arbitrators of the two counties at Carthage last Saturday night. The people of this county will be glad to learn that our indebtedness to Moore county is much smaller than many thought it would be. That part of the debt payment of which is assumed by Lee county is $2,408.61, balance to be paid by Moore county, $15,564.75.

—Goldsboro Argus: Capt. Swift Galloway, whose serious illness has been recorded, is gradually sinking, at his home in Snow Hill, and there is no hope for his recovery. Some time ago it was reported that this noted North Carolinian and most amiable Southern gentleman had reached the end of life's journey, but that proved to be a false rumor; but now, at length, he is in "the shadow of the valley."

—Greensboro Telegram: At an enthusiastic meeting of members of the Guilford Alumnae Association of the Normal College and a number of the citizens of the city held last night in the McIver Science building it was decided that the Guilford County Alumnae Association should take upon itself the task of raising $4,000 as Guilford's share of the McIver Loan Fund being raised by the college Alumnae as a memorial to the distinguished educator.

—Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer: The number of whiskey prescriptions filled at the medical depository has been on the decrease since September. During that month 171 "scripts" were honored, the largest number of any one month since the depository was established. In October and November the number of prescriptions filled was 147 and 114, respectively. The dispenser, Mr. J. A. McRae, attributes his decreasing business to the increased activity of the blind tigers.

—Lee County Times: Mr. T. L. Chisholm attended court at Lillington the first of the week. While there he had a talk with Mr. Phillip McRae, who declared twelve years ago that he would not shave nor have his hair cut until Bryan is elected President. Thus far he has kept his word. He has full beard, and his hair falls down to his shoulders. But he is getting a little impatient. In the course of his conversation with Mr. Chisholm he said: "What in thunder is the matter with Bryan? Does he expect me to wear long hair and whiskers all my life?"

—Charlotte News: Capt. K. S. Finch, formerly of this city, will return here to live. He has accepted the Southern agency of the Carolina-Clinchfield Coal Corporation, and will have his offices in the Trust Building, taking possession next Monday. He will remove his family here next week and will occupy the house after the 10th. Captain Finch has been living at Hickory for the past few months. He has been connected with the Clinchfield Corporation for some time. His many friends in this city will be glad to know that he is to return here to live.

—Sampson Democrat: While looking over a trunk the other day at the home of Mr. Judson Hobbs, of McDaniel's, a gold pencil was found which Mr. Hobbs took from the body of a dead Yankee on the battle ground of the Wilderness during the Civil War. This was where Stonewall Jackson was mortally wounded. A fire had broken out just after the "battle of the Wilderness," many dead bodies were burned up, and while moving one to prevent it from being burned, Mr. Hobbs found this pencil and knowing it would be lost, took it with him as a souvenir of the awful struggle.

A Healthy Family.

"Our whole family has enjoyed good health since we began using Dr. King's New Life Pills, three years ago," says L. A. Bartlet, of Rural Route 1, Guilford, Maine. They cleanse and tone the system in a gentle way that does you good. 25c. at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

The crowds of bargain seekers are looking for the Carnival Sale where $2.89 buys a $5 suit. **

The END OF THE JAYHAWKERS.

[Original.]

During the civil war a celebrated Kansas jayhawker named Bugbee rode at the head of a band of outlaws, leaving a desolated track behind him. Among his other crimes was the murder of the Hamblin family on their farm near Marysville. Mary Hamblin, aged twenty, was engaged to Elliot Frost, a soldier in the Union army. Frost was discharged at the end of the war and went home to Kansas to find only the grave of the girl he had expected to welcome him. Standing there by the heaped earth, now covered with waving grass, he swore that he would not rest till he had killed Bugbee.

Bugbee, finding that Kansas was becoming too law abiding for further operations, crossed the line and went into Colorado. He took with him seven or eight of his jayhawkers with a view to operating on the different stage lines in the region about Denver. Frost went to Denver and heard at once that the Bugbee gang was the terror of every road leading out of that town, but it was impossible to locate them. At one time they would operate on the route southward to Pike's peak and the next day would be heard of on the road leading southeastward into Indian Territory. Then within a week a robbery would be committed on the south fork of the Platte, and Bugbee would turn out to have led the robbers. No vigilance committee could locate them.

Frost, who had been a cavalryman during the war, secured a horse and started for the last place the Bugbee gang had left their visiting cards. The country is an unbroken plain, and the young man could ride where he pleased, but so could the road agents, and it was more difficult to head them off than if they had had to travel only by the roads.

After a month's chase Frost tracked the gang to a point within the entrance of the canyon directly west and about twenty miles from Denver. Frost rode into Golden City one evening, fifteen miles west of Denver, and while eating his supper heard a miner who had come down from Empire tell of meeting a prospecting party of eight men in camp five miles up the canyon who had asked him when the Denver coach would pass up, they wishing to take passage up to the mines. Frost, putting this with information he already had, was sure the prospectors were the Bugbee gang and that they would rob the next coach that passed up. Since the coach would not pass the point where the miner had met them till the next afternoon about 2 o'clock, there was time to lay a trap.

There was nothing at Golden City except a hostelry, but a fresh horse was obtained, and Frost put spurs for Denver. There were several ex-soldiers of the civil war in Denver, one of them, Striker, who had served with Frost. The two made up a party consisting of young veterans and three other picked men, six in all, and, taking with them certain apparel they intended to use, rode out in the early morning to Golden City.

At noon the Denver coach came along, and the passengers alighted for dinner. When they were about to reenter the coach Frost asked them to remain awhile at the tavern, since he had a party of friends with him who wished to take a short ride. The passengers, consisting of both men and women, demurred, but the riding party were well armed, and they stepped aboard, each with his baggage, a bundle done up in brown paper.

As soon as they were out of sight from the tavern a halt was made, the driver informed that they expected the coach to be robbed, and four of the men, opening their bundles, put on women's attire. Then the coach was driven on. Frost, dressed as a woman, sat next the door, a Derringer pistol in each hand. Striker sat next the other door with two revolvers concealed under the folds of the dress he wore. All had their arms in some way concealed.

They had gone about four miles and were ascending a rise when they heard the word "Halt!" followed by "Throw up your hands!" The coach came to a dead stop, and two masked men opened the door, ordering the passengers to alight. Supposing Frost to be a woman, each robber took hold of an arm to help him. His arms were crossed over his chest under his cloak. Suddenly there was a double report, and the two robbers fell dead.

Scarcely had Frost begun his exit from the coach when a woman emerged from the other door, followed in rapid succession by two other women and two men, all of whom opened fire on six men who were standing unconcerned in the road, some with their hands in their pockets, others with folded arms. Four of them were shot down before they could draw their weapons, and two others while they were delivering their fire, which on account of their surprise was not effective.

Of the two Frost had killed with his Derringers one was Bugbee. The sight of him lying cold in death, Frost's knowledge that he had killed him, seemed in a measure to wash away a brooding that had been with him ever since he had made his resolution while standing beside Mary Hamblin's grave. He looked up and, seeing his women dressed men dancing around the fallen robbers, for the first time in months smiled.

The ambushers re-entered the coach and drove back to the tavern. When it was learned that they had not only saved the passengers from being robbed, but had exterminated the Bugbee gang, they were feted as heroes and invited to partake of the best in the house. O. NORMAN EDDY.

Report of the Condition of The Atlantic Trust & Banking Co., at Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business Nov. 27, 1908.

RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts	$	635,288.44
Overdrafts secured		25
Furniture and fixtures		100.00
All other real estate owned		1,000.00
Demand Loans		26,180.00
Due from Banks and Bankers		66,129.79
Cash Items		5.00
Gold Coin		230.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency		243.90
National bank notes and other U. S. notes		2,092.00
Total	$	731,269.13

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock	$	50,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid		39,458.79
Dividends unpaid		20.00
Deposits subject to check		593,204.84
Demand Certificates of Deposit		44,075.50
Cashier's Checks outstanding		10.00
Accrued interest due depositors		4,500.00
Total	$	731,269.13

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, ss:

I, Milton Calder, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MILTON CALDER, Cashier.

Correct—Attest:
MATT J. HEYER,
B. O. STONE,
C. W. YATES,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 2nd day of December, 1908.

W. B. DRAKE, JR. Notary Public.

My Commission expires August 17, 1910.

STATEMENT CONDITION
THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK
OF WILMINGTON, N. C.

At the close of business Nov. 27, 1908.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts		$2,574,534 92
N. C. State and other Bonds		188,004 25
U. S. Bonds (at par		550,000 00
Bank Buildings		55,000 00
Cash		1,228,698 18
		$4,596,237 35

LIABILITIES.

Capital	$	550,000 00
Surplus and Net Profits		298,134 69
Circulation		550,000 00
U. S. Bond Account		100,000 00
Deposits		3,098,102 66
		$4,596,237 35

H. C. McQUEEN, President.
J. V. GRAINGER, Vice President
J. W. YATES, Vice President.
C. S. GRAINGER, Cashier.

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A New and Complete Line of Groceries, partly:
500 bags Rice, all grades.
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NEVER OUT! NEVER OVER!
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REMOVAL
Ed. Guion, the Barber, has removed to 121 Market street, where he will be pleased to see all of his old customers and many new ones.
GUION, The Barber.

Read the Business Locals

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Cuban Blossom
CIGARS!
WHY
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Because It is the Best Cigar for the Money.
H. L. VOLLERS
Wholesale Grocer.

Report of the Condition of The Southern National Bank, at Wilmington, in the State of N. C., at the close of business, November 27th, 1908.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	$	957,110.34
Overdrafts secured and unsecured		3,740.29
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		200,000.00
Other Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		66,690.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		4,550.35
Bonds, securities, etc.		49,885.00
Banking House, furniture and fixtures		5,000.00
Other real estate owned		None
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents) $257,757.34		
Due from State Banks and Bankers	178,985.30	
Due from approved reserve agents	197,699.23	
Checks and other cash items	5,397.66	
Notes of other National Banks	6,900.00	
Fractional Paper currency, nickels and cents	1,398.23	648,137.76
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie $26,000.00		
Legal tender notes	40,000.00	66,000.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation		10,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer, other than 5 per cent. Redemption fund		3,874.00
Total	$	2,014,987.74

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock paid in	$	200,000.00
Surplus Fund		100,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		33,032.35
National Bank notes outstanding		200,000.00
Due to other National Banks $484,033.15		
Due to State Banks and Bankers	459,199.01	
Due to 13 Trust Companies and Savings Banks	68,657.99	
Individual deposits subject to check	413,918.91	
Certified checks	1,071.25	
Cashier's checks outstanding	5,075.08	
United States Deposits	50,000.00	1,481,955.39
Bonds borrowed		None
Notes and bills rediscounted		None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed		None
Total	$	2,014,987.74

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, ss:

I, C. N. Evans, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. N. EVANS, Cashier.

Correst—Attest:
MATT J. HEYER,
J. A. TAYLOR,
ISADORE BEAR,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of Nov. 1908.

CHAS. S. GRAINGER, Notary Public.

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Direct and shortest line to the principal cities, South and Southwest, also connects at Hamlet with Vestibule Trains North.

Tickets for passage for all trains are sold by this Company and accepted by the passenger with the understanding that this Company will not be responsible for failure to run its trains on schedule time or for any such delays as may be incident to their operation. Care is exercised to give correct time of connecting lines but this Company is not responsible for errors or omissions.

TRAINS ARRIVE AT WILMINGTON AS FOLLOWS.

No. 44 at 12:35 A. M. from Charlotte, Hamlet and local stations.

No. 40 arrives 12:20 P. M. from Charlotte, connecting at Hamlet with No. 38 from Birmingham and Atlanta, No. 33 from Norfolk and Raleigh, and all points North and South.

TRAINS LEAVE WILMINGTON AS FOLLOWS.

	No. 45	No. 39.
Lv. Wilm't'n	4:45 A. M.	3:00 P. M.
Ar. Lumb't'n	7.21 A. M.	5:43 P. M.
Ar. Maxton	8:02 A. M.	6:35 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet	8:45 A. M.	7:30 P. M.
Lv. Hamlet	9:10 A. M.	8:25 P. M.
Ar. Monroe	10:50 A. M.	10:25 P. M.
Ar. Ch'lotte	11:35 A. M.	11:30 P. M.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for Raleigh and Richmond and points North.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham and Charlotte, with No. 84 for Washington and New York, No. 32 for Portsmouth, Norfolk and No. 42 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

For time-tables and any information apply to your nearest Ticket Agent or Call Phone No. 1294.

J. D. EDWARDS, Union Ticket Agent.
F. A. FETTER, Agent.
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Wilmington, N. C., and
Georgetown, S. C. Lines

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S. S. "Carib".....Friday, Dec. 11.
S. S. "Navahoe".....Friday, Dec. 18.
Wilmington to New York.
S. S. "Navahoe".....Saturday, Dec. 12.
S. S. "Carib".....Saturday, Dec. 19
Wilmington for Georgetown.
S. S. "Navahoe".....Monday, Dec. 7.
S. S. "Carib".....Monday, Dec. 14.
Both steamers have good passenger accommodations.
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General Offices, Pier 36 N.R. Brch29
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WINTER SCHEDULE
Steamer Wilmington.
On and after Sunday, September 13th, steamer will leave daily at 9:30 A. M. for Southport returning leaves Southport at 2:30 P. M.
Capt. J. W. HARPER.
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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE
In Effect, Saturday, October 10, 1908.
TO
THE BEACH
FROM WILMINGTON.
WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30:, 7:00, 8:30 P. M.
SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00 8:30 P. M.
TO WRIGHTSVILLE FROM WILMINGTON.
WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.
SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.
TO WILMINGTON FROM WRIGHTSVILLE
WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:20, 7:25, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 7:25, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 I. M.
SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:55, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.
TO WILMINGTON FROM THE BEACH
WEEK DAYS—Leave at 7:15, 7:45, 9:15, 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.
SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:45, 10:45 A. M. 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.
TO GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO FROM WILMINGTON
WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, *2:25, 3:00, *3:45, 4:30 *5:05, 6:00, *6:05, 7:00, *7:05, 8:30, *9:05, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.
SUNDAYS—Leave at *8:25, 8:30, *9:05, 10:00, 11:30 A. M. *12:05, 1:00, *1:25, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.
TO WILMINGTON FROM GOLF LINK AND DELGADO
WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:35, 7:40, 8:10, 8:40, 9:40, 11:10 A. M., 12:40, 2:10, *2:35, *3:55, 4:10, *5:15, 5:40, *6:15, 6:40, *7:15, 8:10, *9:15, 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.
SUNDAYS—Leave at *8:35, *9:15, 10:10, 11:10 A. M., *12:15, 12:40, *1:35, 2:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:10, 5:40, 6:10, 7:10. 8:1 , 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.
*"Carolina" Car, all others shown in above schedule marked "Beach."
FREIGHT
Leav Wilmington Daily except Sunday 3:00 P. M.
Freight Depot open from 2:00 to 3:00 P. M.

Atlantic Coast Line
Schedule in Effect Sept. 7, 1908.
NOTICE.
The arrivals and departures are given as information, as well as connections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48.	No. 41.
Lv. Wilmington	9:00 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:03 pm	9:55 pm
Ar Wilson	1:00 m	10:53 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	2:36 pm
Ar Norfolk	5:55 pm	
Ar. Petersburg	7:00 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	5:10 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	8:40 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:41 am	10:00 am
Ar. Philadelphia	4:21 am	12:18 pm
Ar. New York	7:23 am	2:45 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 32.
Lv New York	9:25 am	9:35 pm
Ar Philadelphia	11:37 am	12:15 am
Ar Baltimore	2:12 pm	2:51 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv Norfolk		8:25 am
Lv Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar Weldon	9:59 pm	11:28 am
Ar Rocky Mount	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar Wilson	11:47 pm	1:58 pm
Ar Goldsboro	6:15 am	3:00 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9:25 am	6:10 pm

BETWEEN ILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:30 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor.	9:05 am	7:20 pm	4:30 am
Ar Col'bia	12:25 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:15 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sa'n.	6:20 pm	2:10 am	9:54 am
Ar. Jk'ville		7 15 am	2:20 pm
Ar. Tampa		6:25 pm	12:15 am

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa	8:55 pm	7:00 am
Lv. Jacksonville	8:55 am	7:45 pm
Ar. Savannah	1:05 pm	11:59 pm
Lv. Charleston	5:30 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:15 pm	2:55 am
Ar. Wilmington	12:45 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound. Daily.
Lv. Wilmington	8:40 am	Ar 8:05 pm
Lv. Fayetteville	12:10 pm	Ar 4:45 pm
Ar. Sanford	1:40 pm	Lv 3:30 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW BERN.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

	North-bound.	South-bound.
Lv. Wilmington	3:20 pm	1:00 pm
Ar Newbern	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:25 am

Trains No. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Pennsylvania R. R., for all points east.

Trains No. 65 and 50 carry Pullman Sleeper between Wilmington and Columbia.

T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.
W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 5.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Market steady 38 1-4c.

ROSIN—Market steady $2.65.

TAR—Market, firm, $1.80.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm $2.00 per barrel for hard; $3.00 for dip and $3.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine steady 44 1-2; rosin $2.70; tar $1.60; crude turpentine firm $2.00, $3.00 and $3.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine 11
Rosin 51
Tar .. .. .160
Crude Turpentine 13

Receipts—Same day last year, 11 casks spirits turpentine; 285 barrels rosin; 138 barrels tar; 59 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady, 8 11-16 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Steady, 11 3-8 cents.

Receipts—2,858 bales, same day last year 3,543 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, December 5th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@75c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 80c; Virginia, prime 60@65c; extra prime 70@75c; Spanish, 75@80c.

CORN—Firm, 97 1-2c per bushel for white; 92 1-2@95 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, old 17c; shoulders 11 @12 1-2c; sides 12 1-2c.

EGGS—Firm at 25 per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@35c for large springs; growns, dull, 35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dr.flint, 10; green, dull 6c. per pound.

IRISH POTATOES—New 80 and 90c per bushel.

SWEET—POTATOES—Dull at 50c per bushel for yams.

WOOL—Free of burr, 15c; burry wool 10 to 21 1-2c.

TURKEYS—On foot 12 to 13c net; 14 to 18c dressed. Dull demand.

GEESE—Dull 50c per head; dressed 50c.

PORK—Good demand 6 to 8c; corn fed 8c.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 5.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of 2 points to an advance of 2 points for while business was fairly active orders were well divided and scattering interests seemed to be evening up for over the week-end and the Government reports. The market held steady with the active months about 1 to 2 points net higher during the middle of the morning on covering, although cables were disappointing and week-end figures rather bearish. The market closed steady with prices net 3 to 6 ppoints higher.

Receipts at the ports today were 52,347 bales, against 66,009 last week, and59,959 last year; for the week 425,000 bales against 459,291 last week and 368,793 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans were 9,116 bales, against 20,723 last year and at Houston 12,145 bales, against 11,716 last year.

Spot closed quiet; middling uplands 9.35; middling gulf 9.60; no sales. Futures opened and closed steady.

Month	Open	Close.
December	9.13	9.15
January	8.76	8.79
February	——	8.80
March	8.87	8.80
April	——	8.80
May	8.81	8.84
June	——	8.80
July	8.76	8.80
August	8.65	8.70
October	8.52	8.57

PORT MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Galveston—Quiet, 9.00; net receipts 23,741; stock 264,421.

New Orleans—Quiet, 8 13-16; net receipts 9,116; stock 311,553.

Mobile—Steady, 8 3-4; net receipts 3,507; stock 74,546.

Savannah—Quiet, 8 5-8; net receipts 5,820; stock 149,428.

Charleston—Quiet, 8 5-8; net receipts 1,216; stock 30,401.

Wilmington—Quiet, 8 5-8; net receipts 2,858; stock 29,699.

Norfolk—Quiet, 9.00; net receipts 5,890; stock 48,920.

Baltimore—Nominal 9.00; stock 29,100.

New York—Quiet, 9.35; net receipts 129; stock 104,899.

Boston—Quiet, 9.35.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 9.60; net receipts 70; stock 781.

Total today at all ports, Net 52,347; Great Britain 20,277; France 25,789; Continent 20,360; stock 1,087,908.

Consolidated, at all ports, Net 52,347; Great Britain 20,277; France 25,789; Continent 20,360.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports, Net 4,937,364; Great Britain 1,275,273; France 488,950; Continent 1,554,217; Japan 43,751; Mexico 803.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Houston—Steady, 8 7-8; net receipts 12,145; stock 126,820.

Augusta—Quiet, 9.00; net receipts 2,415; stock 97,450.

Memphis—Steady, 9.00; net receipts 5,497; stock 168,572.

St. Louis—Quiet, 9 1-8; net receipts 1,124; stock 18,138.

Louisville—Firm, 9 1-4.

Little Rock—Steady, 8 5-8; net receipts 2,054; stock 47,230.

Total today—Net receipts 25,292; stock 490,717.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Dec. 5.—Cotton: Spot quiet, prices 9 points lower. American middling fair 5.38; good middling 5.02; middling 4.88; low middling 4.68; good ordinary 4.17; ordinary 3.77.

The sales of the day were 8,000 bales of which 300 were for speculation and export and included 6,550 American. Receipts 22,000 bales including 21,100 American.

Futures opened quiet and closed quiet. December 4.62 1-2; December and January 4.62; January and February 4.64; February and March 4.63 1-2; March and April 4.63; May and June 4.64 1-2; June and July 4.64 1-2; July and August 4.63 1-2; August and September 4.58; September and October 4.54; October and November 4.50; November and December 4.48 1-2; December and January 4.48; January and February (1910) 4.48.

THE DRY GOCDS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 5—The cotton goods market closed quiet with prices a shade easier, following small demand from second hands. First hands offerings are firm and have good orders. Yarns closed barely steady. There is a shortage of some lines of linens. Burlaps are easier.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 5.—Violent fluctuations and excited speculation in a limited number of stocks were the fruit of the circulation of rumors which lacked confirmation. The movement in the stocks immediately affected had so much of an appearance of artificiality that stocks were sold in other portions of the list and the price movement thus made irregular and confused and at last acutely weak. The Wabash group was conspicuous on the ground of rumors of a coming plan for financing the needs of the group in which, it was intimated, the influence of either Harriman would be seen. It was this intimation that was the principal stimulating influence on the group although no authority was offered for the report.

Pennsylvania enjoyed some advantage from the report that the dispute with its locomotive engineers had been put on a basis for discussion. The obvious effort to take advantage of these sustaining factors to effect realizing sales decided the ultimate downward course of the market. Unfavorable reports from Vienna of the outlook in the Balkans had some depressing effect. The bank statement gave abundant testimony to the effects of the withdrawals of cash for export of gold and for restitution of government deposits and of the bond flotations of the week.

The actual condition of the clearing house banks shows a decrease of $9,003,400 in the loan item, although the daily average for that item have risen $6,608,200 but the $20,587,600 loan expansion of the banks outside the clearing house and the trust companies indicates the force of the week's demand. Preparations for today's subscriptions to the Panama canal bonds figured in part in the result. The decrease in the cash holdings of the banks was larger than the preliminary estimates and it is believed that the trust companies are responsible also for those withdrawals in preparation for January disbursements. In consequence of this action the week's clearing house balances rose to $119,149,530 which constitute a record.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, were $3,508,000. United States 2's registered declined 1-4 per cent. on call for the week. Total sales today were 700,700 shares.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 5.—Money on call nominal. Time loans dull but steady; sixty days 3 per cent., and ninety days 3 to 3 1-4 per cent.; six months 3 1-2 to 3 3-4 per cent.

Prime mercantile paper 3 3-4 to 4 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8425 to 4.8435 for sixty day bills and at 4.8645 to 4.8650 for demand. Commercial bills 4.83 3-4 to 4.84. Bar silver 48 3-8. Mexican dollars 45.

NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. refunding 2s reg	102 3-4
U. S. refunding 2s cou	104
U. S. 3s reg	100 3-4
U. S. 3s cou	100 3-4
U. S. 4s reg	120 1-4
U. S. 4s cou	121
Amr. Tobacco Co. 6s	108
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	95 3-4
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	100
L. & N. Unified 4s	102
Seaboard Air Line 4s	60
Southern Railway 5s	107 1-4
U. S. Steel 5s	102 3-8

Closing Stock Lists.

Amalgamated Copper	83 5-8
Amr. Car & Foundry	46 3-8
Amr. Car & Foundry pfd	107
Amr. Cotton Oil Co.	41 1-2
Amr. Locomotive	55 1-8
Amr. Smelting & Ref	90 1-2
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd	106
Amr. Sugar Refining ex div	131 1-2
Amr. Tobacco pfd	94
Atchison	98 1-8
Atchison pfd	101 3-4
Atlantic Coast Line	111
Baltimore & Ohio	107 3-4
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	92
Chesapeake & Ohio	53 3-8
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	150 1-4
Colorado & Southern	53 1-2
Erie	33 1-2
Erie 1st pfd	48 1-2
Erie 2nd pfd	39 1-2
Great Northern pfd	143
Kansas City Southern	36 7-8
Kan. City Southern pfd	68
L. & N.	122
Norfolk & Western	83 3-4
Northern Pacific	141 7-8
Pennsylvania	129 1-4
People's Gas	100 1-4
Reading	140
Rock Island Co.	24
Rock Island Co. pfd	60 1-2
Southern Pacific	117 1-4
Southern Pacific pfd	121 1-4
Southern Railway	25 1-4
Southern Railway pfd	58 3-4
Standard Oil Co.	668
Union Pacific	180 1-8
U. S. Steel	54 1-2
U. S. Steel pfd	112 1-2
Va.-Car. Chemical	43 7-8
Va.-Car. Chemical pfd	114
Western Union	69 1-2
Westinghouse Electric Co.	89 1-2

WEEKLYN BANK STATEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 5.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks hold $20,171,775 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent. reserve rule. This is a decrease of $7,958,75 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week. The statement follows: Loans $1,347,145,300, increase $6,608,200. Deposits $1,424,132,500, decrease $7,720,400. Circulation $45,959,700 increase $4,17,600. Legal tenders $79,498,100, decrease $549,100. Specie $296,706,800, decrease $7,720,400. Reserve $376,204,900, decrease $8,269,500. Reserve required $356,035,125, decrease $310,625. Surplus $20,171,775, decrease $7,958,875. Excess of United States Deposits $22,371,700, decrease $7,964,375. The percentage of actual reserve of the clearing house banks today was 26.53.

The statement of banks and trust companies of Greater New York, not reporting to the clearing house shows that these institutions have aggregate deposits of $1,118,755,800; total cash on hand $106,736,700 and loans amounting to $1,011,778,800.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 5.—Flour, firm; receipts 23,839; Minnesota 5.05 to 5.65; winter straights 4.55 to 4.75; winter patents 4.75 to 5.15.

Rye Flour, Buckwheat Flour and Corn Meal—Steady.

Buckwheat—Dull.

Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 1.12 5-8 to 1.14 1-8 elevator. Options closed net unchanged. Dec. 1.15; May 1.16 1-4.

Corn—Spot steady; No. 2, 70 to arrive elevator. Options closed 1-8c lower. Dec. 70 1-2; May 70 3-8; July 70.

Oats—Spot quiet; mixed 54 1-2 to 55; natural white 55 1-2 to 58; clipped white 56 1-2 to 62.

Lard—Firm.

Pork and Tallow—Steady.

Rice—Quiet.

Molasses—Quiet; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice 28 to 42.

Sugar—Raw easy; fair refining 3.42, centrifugal 96 test 3.92; molasses sugar 3.17. Refined—Quiet; Confectioners A, 4.70; mould A, 5.25; cut loaf 5.00; crushed 5.60; powdered 5.00; granulated 4.90; cubes 5.15.

Coffee—Spot quiet; Rio No. 7, 6 1-2; Santos No. 4, 7 7-8 to 8 1-8. Mild—Dull; Cordova 9 1-4 to 12 1-2. Futures closed steady net unchanged to five points lower.

Butter—Steady, unchanged.

Cheese and Eggs—Firm, unchanged.

Potatoes—Steady, unchanged.

Cabbages—Firm; State, per ton 22.00 to 26.00; red, per ton 30.00 to 35.00.

Freights and Peanuts—Unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil—Barely steady and a shade lower. Prime crude 29 1-2 to 30; summer yellow 38 1-2 to 39; prime white 39 3-4 to 41 1-2; prime winter yellow 44 to 46 1-2; off summer yellow 37 1-4 to 38 1-4; good off summer yellow 37 1-2 to 38 1-4.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Favorable weather for the fall sown crop of wheat in the United States had a weakening effect today on the local wheat market but buying by shorts caused the market to close steady at almost the identical figures of the previous close. Corn closed easy, oats were steady and provisions were firm.

	Open	High	Close
Wheat.			
Dec.	1 05 3-8	1 05 5-8	1 05 1-2
May	63 1-2	63 5-8	62 7-8
July	1 03 3-4	1 03 7-8	1 03 3-4
Corn.			
Dec.	61 3-4	61 3-4	61 1-2
May	63 1-2	63 5-9	62 7-8
July	62 7-8	62 7-8	62 3-4
Oats.			
Dec.	50	50	50
May	52 5-8	52 5-8	52 5-8
July	47 7-8	47 7-8	47 5-8
Mess Pork, per bbl.			
Jan.	15 95	16 12 1-2	16 05
May	16 22 1-2	16 35	16 30
Lard, per 100 lbs.			
Jan.	9 30	9 30	9 22 1-2
May	9 42 1-2	9 47 1-2	9 45
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.			
Jan.	8 35	8 40	8 35
May	8 57 1-2	8 65	8 60

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, firm. No. 2 spring wheat 1.08 to 1.11; No. 3, 1.00 to 1.07; No. 2, red 1.06 1-2 to 1.07 1-2. No. 2 corn 62 to 62 1-2; No. 2 yellow 62 to 62 1-2. No. 2 oats 49 7-8 to 50; No. 2 white 52 1-4. No. 2 rye 76 1-2 to 77. Fair to choice malting 62 to 64. No. 1 Northwestern flax seed 1.44 1-2. Prime timothy seed 3.85. Clover contract grades 9.40. Short ribs, sides (loose) 8.00 to 8.50. Mess Pork, per bbl. 14.50 to 14.62 1-2. Lard, per 100 lbs. 9.17 1-2. Short clear sides (boxed) 8.75 to 9.00.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 5.—Rosin steady. Turpentine quiet.

Savannah, Dec. 5.—Turpentine firm 39 1-4; sales 1,067; receipts 515; shipments 238. Rosin firm; sales 3,215; receipts 1,700; shipments 60; stock 159,468. Quote: B, 2.90; D, 2.90; E, 2.95; F, 3.00; G, 2.95 to 2.97 1-2; H, 3.40; I, 4.15; K, 5.10; M, 5.75; N, 6.15; WG, 6.40; WW, 6.50.

Charleston, Dec. 5.—Spirits turpentine firm 38 3-4. Rosin firm. Quote: A B C, 2.80; D, 2.80; E, 2.85 to 2.92 1-2.

MARINE

ARRIVED.

Str. Lyon, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, C. P. Love.

CLEARED.

Str. Carib, Devereaux, New York, H. G. Smallbones.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 5, 1908.

C. C. Railroad—165 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine 32 barrels rosin, 14 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—131 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 24 barrels tar, 2 barrels crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—2,423 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpetine, 19 barrels rosin, 15 barrels tar, 11 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—127 bales cotton, 15 barrels tar.

Str. Alice—2 barrels tar.

Schr. Josie D—12 bales cotton, 60 barrels tar.

Total—2,858 bales cotton, 11 casks spirits turpentine, 51 barrels rosin, 160 barrels tar, 13 barrels crude turpentine.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now in Port of Wilmington, N. C.

Steamers.

Atlas, (Br.) 1,994 tons, Sargent, Heide & Co.

Str. Hillbrook, (Br.) 2,535 tons, Santos, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Langoe, (Br.) 2,466 tons, Nisbet, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Helena (Br.) 2,708 tons, Kelley, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Str. Cardigan (Br.) 2,689 tons, Davis, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

Horace P. Shares, 392 tons, Flynn, C. D. Maffitt.

Chas. H. Wolston, 287 tons, Plummer, C. D. Maffitt.

Judge Boyce, 558 tons, Eskridge, C. D. Maffitt.

Geo. F. Phillips, 237 tons, Hammond, C. D. Maffitt.

He Asked.

He had been courting a girl for a long time. It happened on Sunday night after church. They were sitting on the sofa, and she looked with ineffable tenderness into his noble blue eyes.

"Tom," she murmured, with a tremor in her voice, "didn't you tell me once you would be willing to do any act of heroism for my sake?"

"Yes, Mary, and I gladly reiterate that statement now," he replied in confident tones.

"Well, Tom, I want you to do something really heroic for me."

"Speak, darling! What is it?"

"Ask me to be your wife. We've been fooling long enough."

Boys and Girls of Arabia.

A traveler in Arabia who passed a year among the people tells that he did not see a single doll in the hands of a girl nor observe one playing at "keeping house" in any way. Neither did the traveler notice an Arabian boy playing at ball or marbles.

Speaking with a grave sheik on the subject, the latter said to the stranger: "You must be queer people in the west to let your young folks get their hands dirtied in sport!"

The Arabian lads, it seems, walk about trying to look like little men as much as they can when not engaged in acts of duty or in learning essential things.

Attracting Attention.

"Remember, a book play needs booming."

"I'm getting some of the best citizens to say a good word for our production."

"Bah! You'll never make a press agent. What you want to do is to get 'em to denounce it."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Crude Turpentine.

Distillers quote crude turpentine as follows: $3.00 for dip and virgin, and $2.00 for hard.

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$400,000.00

City of Wilmington, North Carolina, Water and Sewerage Bonds For Sale.

Sealed proposals for the purchase of $400,000.00 City of Wilmington, N. C., Water and Sewerage Bonds will be received at the office of the City Treasurer of said City until 12 o'clock M. December 7th, 1908.

Bids will be received for said bonds upon a 4 1-2 per cent basis, and a 5 per cent. basis.

Interest payable semi-annually.

Bonds and interest payable at such place as the purchaser may designate.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

JOHN J. FOWLER,
City Clerk and Treasurer.

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Chesapeake and Ohio Ry.

Scenic Route to the West.

Two Fast Vestibule Trains With Dining Car Service.

Through Pullman Sleepers to Louisville, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis.

Lv. Richmond	2:00 P. M.	11:00P.M
Ar. Cincinnati	8:25 A. M.	5:00 P. M
Ar. Chicago	5:30 P. M.	7:10 A. M
Ar. St. Louis	6:45 P. M.	7:18 A. M
Ar. Louisville	11:30 A.M.	4:00 P.M

Direct connections for all points West and Northwest.

Quickest and Best Route.

The line to the celebrated mountain resorts of Virginia.

For descriptive matter, schedules and Pullman reservations, address.

W. O. WARTHEN, D. P. A.,
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FISH SCRAP.

From fish caught by our own boats and manufactured exclusively for us, guaranteed genuine and without adulteration. Only a few hundred tons left. Orders taken now shipped at once or 30 days later. Call on or address STONE & CO.

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SHATTERED NERVES

Caused by excessive use of drugs or alcohol, or mental break-down, can be restored to their normal condition, by the scientific treatment administered at

THE TELFAIR SANITARIUM

This newly and especially built sanitary Sanitarium is most pleasantly situated with extensive private grounds the building is roomy and has splendid porches and all modern conveniences. Skilled physicians and trained attendants always in charge. The treatment administered without pain or unpleasant symptoms at any stage. For terms and particulars address.

The Telfair Sanitarium, Greensboro, N. C.

Your Christmas Wants Are Now Being Looked After.

GEORGE O. GAYLORD'S Big Department Store

has been filled with merchandise of every kind to fill these wants. This Big Store is an ideal Christmas Shoppers' Home, Santa Clause has filled our store rooms with every kind of Christmas toy, including the large toys for grown people. All classes of toilet articles and manicure sets, Gloves and Handkerchiefs, new Belts, Magic Hair Curlers, Christmas Ribbons and Laces, Gloves of all kinds and especially good things in Silk Gloves, every pair of which is warranted and double tips. A very good Kid Glove at 75c, we think the best in the city for $1.00. 16-button white Chamois Glove, our special price was $2.75, now $2.00 a pair. New Belt Buckles and fancy Pins of all kinds. An elegant assortment of Christmas Shoes for Children as well as Ladies and Gentlemen.

Christmas presents in the staple line, things that are useful as well as ornamental are in evidence in every Department. We have so many special things to sell for Christmas that we have been for quite a while getting our stock on display. The Toy Department proper represents the best assortment of toys even been shown in Wilmington. I would thank every customer that buys Christmas toys to begin to make their selections, as when it gets late in the season the store gets so thoroughly crowded and packed that we can not give you the attention we wish to. Mothers wishing Santa Clause to come to their homes should leave their address with us and we will be sure to deliver their message to him in person.

Our Big Clothing Store

has lots of things in the way of presents. In the way of the new long wool sweater jacket for men, the little boys' sweaters, and a big assortment of boys' suits, some special values in men's Overcoats.

A splendid assortment of new Ingersol Watches, stem winder and setter for $1.00 each, and almost every grade that Ingersoll makes, up to 20-year gold filled guarantee cases at $10.00 each. We have all styles of ladies' watches. An assortment of fancy clocks and everything else in the Christmas line that I cannot mention. Remember the place,

The Big Department Store

GEO. O. GAYLORD,
PROPRIETOR.

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An Enviable Spirit

is that of the man watching another take a drink of our Liquor, and a "spirit to be envied" is that same Liquor. It is mild, delicate, delicious in flavor, yet has the right "smack" that afterwards gives the body a warm glow throughout. And it is the kind you will take pride in offering to a caller at the house—for he will appreciate it also. Try a sample and then hear our prices.

Southern Distilling Company

M Seligman, Manager. Phone 248.

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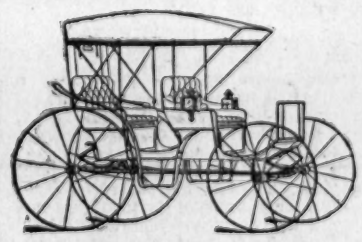

Don't Forget

I am still in the Horse Business

A car load of Fine Horses and Mules just received, Buggies, Harness, and Laprobes.

F. T. MILLS.
116 North 2nd. Street.

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Advertising Brings Prosperity.

CHAMP CLARK IS MINORITY LEADER

Unamiously Chosen at Democratic Caucus in Washington Yesterday.

WILLIAMS SUGGESTS CLARK

New Leader House of Representatives. Delivers Speech of Acceptance—Caucus Adopts Resolutions on Williams' Record.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 5.—Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, was tonight chosen minority leader of the House of Representatives, at a caucus of the Democratic members of that body.

Mr. Clark's election was unanimous. His name was suggested to the caucus by the retiring minority leader, Senator-elect John Sharp Williams of Mississippi. Resolutions were adopted thanking Mr. Williams for his service to the party on the floor of the House. In accepting the leadership Mr. Clark said:

"I am profoundly grateful for the great honor just conferred me—an honor doubly prized because of the unanimity with which it comes I hope to discharge the numerous and difficult duties of the positions so as not to cause you to regret the action of this hour, but I cannot do it, no man can without the cordial co-operation and constant assistance of his fellows.

This co-operation and this assistance I now invoke in the interests of the country and of a great historic party. These interests are largely committed to our hands. To promote them by securing unity of action requires some self abnegation some yielding of opinion, some sacrifices of ease on the part of every Democratic member.

"By conference, by putting together in regular and punctual attendance on the sessions of the committees and of the house by sinking personal jealousies, by mutal concession we can accomplish much for the welfare of the country and the strengthening of the party of which we are members; for, let it never be forgotten, that "he serves his party best who serves his country well.'

"I shall confer with you as frequently as possible and invite suggestions on the principal that in a multitude of counsel there is wisdom.

"Each member should make himself thoroughly familiar with the business pertaining to his committee and should be in the House to look after it I have no policy other than to carry out your wishes. Truth to tell being elected to fill out the unexpired term of my brilliant and long time friend, Hon. John Sharp Williams, who voluntarily relinquishes the burdens and honors of the position, I feel that is really his term and his arrangement will be carried out so far as nearly as two men who think for themselves can agree.

"The chief thought in my mind, on this occasion and always is that in unity there is strength and that we must stand together if we would increase the influence of the Democratic party as a factor in public affairs. I feel that we now enjoy the friendship here tonight and of every member who has a right to be here. The strongest wish that can entertain of myself is to entertain on the March 4th. I will have as many friends as I will have on the 5th."

The programme for the election of the new leader was disarranged by the retiring leader Mr. Williams, who did not wait for the man selected to nominate the Missouri representative but performed that function himself.

As soon as Chairman Clayton, of Alabama, had read the resignation of Mr. Williams as leader, Mr. Strangley, fo Kentucky, presented a set of resolutions thanking Mr. Williams for his services and accepting the resignation. Just as that resignatiion was adopted Mr. Williams arrived. He responded to the applause with a speech which concluded with a prediction of what an excellent leader Mr. Clark would make not appreciating that the selection had not been made. Mr. Henry, of Texas, was to have followed with a speech nominating Mr. Clark but all he could do was to approve of the manner in which Mr. Williams had performed that task and to second the nomination. Messrs. Sulzer, of New York; Macon, of Aarkansas; James, of Kentucky; Cox, of Indiana and Simms of Tennessee, also seconded the nomination. Upon Representative Candler's motion the election was made unanimous. Representative Lloyd, of Missouri, Russell, of Texas, and Bartlett, of Georgia, then brought the new leader into the caucus to tell him the news.

ROBBED IN PULLMAN.

Ten Thousand Dollars in Jewelry Stolen From Lady on Coast Line.
(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Richmond, Va., Dec. 5.—Mrs. Sue Williams Buek, of this city, arriving here yesterday from New York over the Atlantic Coast Line, discovered that during the night she had been robbed while in a Pullman car of over $10,000 worth of jewelry. There is no clue to the thief or thieves.

Samuel D. Tucker, a negro, was arrested tonight on the charge of having stolen the bag containing the jewelry. Tucker is the negro who removed the mattresses from the car on its arrival here, but he denies the theft. The theft was reported at the police station here by Mrs. Buek and her daughter, the latter wearing a $15,000 necklace at the time.

Rehder's Fire Works, wholesale and retail. **

Two boys' suits at the price of one at Penny's Carnival Sale. **

ENGLAND'S SUFFRAGETTES

They Make a Remarkable Demonstration at a Public Speaking in London—Determined Fight Against Attempt.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

London, Dec. 5.—The gulf between the Suffragists and the Suffragettes, the latter being the term generally used to describe the militant section of the female agitators who believe in street riots and attacks on ministers as the quickest means of attaining the suffrage for their sex, was further widened late today by reason of a fierce demonstration indulged in by the Suffragettes at Albert Hall against David Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The Chancellor was addressing a suffrage meeting under the auspices of the Woman's Liberal Association. Hardly had he announced that he was present with the object of making known the Government's intentions regarding the problem of woman suffrage, when a great uproar broke out. Strident voices from all parts of the hall shrieked: "We want deeds, not words."

Three hundred and fifty stewards of the hall, anticipating disturbance, moved down the aisle on the women who had interrupted the speaker, with the idea of ejecting them. They found them chained to their seats. A confused struggle then began between the men and the women, but finally the chains were cut and the suffragettes expelled. But the numbers of the disorderly seemed to increase rather than diminish. Some of the women were armed with whips, and they repelled vigorously every attempt to eject them.

Every time Mr. Lloyd-George attempted to speak his voice was drowned with mingled groans and cheers, and he was compelled to sit down. Finally the organist tried to soothe the hysterical sisterhood by playing "What Can the Matter Be?" but it was of no use, and pandemonium reigned.

The uproar was at its height when a dozen Suffragettes recently released from prison, divested themselves of their outer wraps and appeared in their jail garb. This exhibition acted on the sisterhood like a red rag on a bull. Megaphones and bells were brought into use and the noise became deafening. The stewards lost their tempers, and as they continued to throw out the demonstrants the clothes of many of the women were torn off.

Finally the Suffragettes became worn out and Mr. Lloyd-George was able to continue with only occasional interruption. He assured his audience, of 8,000 people that there was a majority in the Cabinet and the Liberal party in favor of woman suffrage and that a suffrage clause would be included in the Government's franchise bill which, however, could not be introduced until the eve of the dissolution of Parliament. The Liberals, however, he said, would demonstrate to the House of Lords that the House of Commons was not so impotent as was imagined.

DEFRAUDING THROUGH MAIL.

Young Man Arrested in Norfolk on This Charge.
(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 5.—R. L. Winters, 28 years old, claiming to be from Williamsport, Pa., Philadelphia and Atlantic City, was arrested by United States Postoffice Inspector Bulla today upon a warrant charging him with using the mails to defraud. Winters was held in bail until December 16th to allow the Government time to secure witnesses from North Carolina and other points. N. N. Self, of Telford, Tenn., who had shipped Winter's poultry, etc., was the complaining witness today. Winters, the Government alleges, recently received two car loads of oranges, a car of flour from Oklahoma and many other things from different parts of the country. The defendant admitted his only asset was office furniture and $75 in bank. He has been trading as the Winters Mercantile Company.

THE NEW PANAMA BONDS.

The Amount Greatly Over-Subscribed. No Statement Yet Made.
(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 5.—Bids for $30,000,000 of the bonds of the Panama Canal loan under Secretary Cortelyou's circular of Nov. 18th last, closed at the Treasury Department at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. It is understood that the number of bids received clearly indicates that the loan has been greatly over-subscribed. Secretary Cortelyou stated tonight that in view of the work in the tabulation of the bids, no information as to the number and prices could be obtained until Monday.

LYNCHBURG GOES DRY.

Yesterday's Election There—Big Day at the Polls for the W. C. T. U.
(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 5.—Lynchburg voted against liquor license today by a majority of 195 in a total vote of 1,958. The election passed off quietly. The only unusual feature was coffee and prayer rooms maintained by the W. C. T. U. near each precinct; all day prayer service at one church, and marching and singing of 250 well organized children. There seems to be no chance of a contest and, if not, the 34 saloons will close March 5th, next.

Would Mortgage the Farm.

A farmer on Rural Route 2, Empire, Ga., W. A. Floyd by name, says: "Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured the two worst sores I ever saw: one on my hand and one on my leg. It is worth more than its weight in gold. I would not be without it if I had to mortgage the farm to get it." Only 25c. at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

Fine cut glass at Rehder's. **

STIRRING SCENE IN TARIFF HEARING

Excitement Caused by Questions From Mr. Clark Regarding Labor Unions.

A HEATED ARGUMENT

Col. Mukhall's Presistence in Defending Mr. VanCleave Caused Chairman to Interfere—Miles on Stand Five Hours.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 5.—Referring to over a dozen "trusts" in his arguments for tariff reduction, Herbert R. Miles of Racine, Wis., chairman of the tariff committee of the National Association of Manufacturers was the principal witness before the House Ways and Means Committee today. He was on the stand five hours and will again appear next Tuesday. He was severely questioned by Republicans and Democrats alike and his remarks caused considerable discussion of the attitude of the political parties in respect to tariff revision. He compared the percentage of the prices of certain articles which represented the labor cost with the percentage of protection afforded those articles by the tariff. Chairman Payne repeatedly told Mr. Miles that the committee would like to have a detailed statement of his comparative figures. He contended that the oil, steel, brass goods, car builders, locomotive farming tool, linseed oil, lead, sugar ,tobacco, glucose, chemical, meat, rubber goods, leather and lumber so-called "trusts," are receiving protection that is much too great in comparison to the labor cost on their products.

Quite a little excitement was caused when Mr. Clark asked Mr. Miles "what was the difficulty you and Mr. VanCleave, Mr. Perry and your associates had with the labor unions?"

Mr. Miles denied that he had had any such troubles. Colonel Martin N. Mulhall, of St. Louis, came forward and became involved in a heated argument with Mr. Clark.

Colonel Mulhall claimed that certain labor leaders were trying to boycott Mr. VanCleave because he is a Republican and a protectionist.

"I want to know what the row was about between Mr. VanCleave and the labor unions," said Mr. Clark.

"The brass workers wanted 10 per cent. more wages than was being paid in St. Louis," replied Col. Mulhall, who continued heatedly to defend Mr. VanCleave until Chairman Payne interfered.

Champ Clark, of Missouri, asked Judge Cowan if he knew of the "beef trust."

"Most of the people believe there is a combination of the packers to fix the price of beef," replied the witness. He told what he knew about the packers methods of purchasing cattle, and said that they did not fix the price of cattle except when there was an oversupply in the market.

FIGHT WITH MOONSHINERS.

A Desperate Gang Attacked Several on Both Sides Killed.
(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 5.—In a fight between a dozen deputy marshals and a gang of alleged moonshiners today forty miles south of here Deputy Sheriff Littleral and William Vinson were killed. Littleral was killed by William Vinson who was himself shot and killed by the officers. The deputies arrested Joseph Vinson, Morris Bates and William Vinson, Jr., and are now en route to this city. Vinson and his men have been defying arrest for several months.

About a month ago Joseph Vinson was captured in Lawrence county, Kentucky, by an officer from Louisa, Ky., who started with him for the Louisa jail. On the way there they were overtaken by a party of Vinson's friends who held the officer up at the point of revolvers and recaptured Vinson. They put him on a horse and took him into the mountains of West Virginia, where they have since been defying Kentucky, West Virginia and Federal officers.

Vinson and his friends were all heavily armed and just such a fight as occurred had been expected and all declared that Vinson should not be taken alive.

A SENSATIONAL CASE

Prominent Georgia Man's Attempt to Kidnap Young Lady.
(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Thomasville, Ga., Dec. 5.—W. H. Mitchell, alderman and former county treasurer of Thomasville, was today found guilty of the charge of assault and battery on his former ward, Miss Lucille Linton, who was his wife's most intimate friend. The verdict was returned by the jury after an all night session and was received by the defendant with little show of emotion. His wife, however, who has been with him throughout the trial, is almost prostrated. Mitchell was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

A remarkable feature of the case was that although the indictment was for attempted criminal assault, nothing in the evidence related to this assault charge. The entire case centered about a romantic and unsuccessful attempt to kidnap Miss Linton. Neither side presented evidence to solve the mystery of why Miss Linton, a prominent and wealthy woman, should be the victim of a would-be kidnapper.

$1.38 buys a good child's overcoat at Penny's Carnival Sale. **

Rehder's Fire Works, wholesale and retail. **

WRECK OF THE SOO CITY

Indications That She Was In Collison With Another Steamer.
(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

North Sydney, Dec. 5.—The mystery surrounding the fate of the steamer Soo City, bound from Chicago for Texas, was intensified today by the finding of a number of life belts at Cape Ray bearing the name "S. S. Stanley." The life belts drifted ashore with similar lines marked "Soo City", and this circumstance has led to the theory that the Lake boat was possibly sunk in collision.

The only steamer named Stanley in Canadian waters is the Government ice breaking boat which runs between Charlottetown P. E. I. and Pictou, N. S. That vessel is now in Charlottetown harbor P. E. I. Small quanities of wreckage continued to drift ashore at the Cape. No bodies have been found. An examination of wreckage does not satisfactorily indicate the probable time the Soo City went down. If she was sunk in collision it is probably that the disaster was within three or four days after she left Quebec on November 14th. Had she remained afloat ten days after her departure she could have reached her destination or touched at some Nova Scotia point for coal. If she was lost in this week's storm she must have been seriously injured some days previous.

THE YANKEE SINKS AGAIN.

After Being Floated She Again Goes to The Bottom.
(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 5.—Freed from Spindle Rock, at the western entrance to Buzzard's Bay, where she had been impaled since September 23rd, the United States cruiser Yankee sank in six fathoms deep early today near the Sand Spit, while being towed to this city for repairs. She lies just north of Penikese Island. The sinking occurred 12 hours after she was floated from the ledge. It is believed the vessel can be raised.

A very fine selected line of Jewelry for the Holidays at Kingsbury's drug store, Masonic Temple. You will do well to see it before you make your purchase. **

Do you like fine perfumes?
Try POCAHONTAS
For Sale by
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Wilmington, N. C.

ATTENTION B. P. O. E.

You will please assemble at the Elks' Temple Sunday, December 6th at 2:30 P. M. to attend the Memorial exercises at the Academy of Music at 3 P. M.

J. F. LEITNER, E. R.

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ELKS' TEMPLE

THE REV.
LOUIS G. WILSON
Secretary of the American Unitarian Association, Boston, will deliver an address in the above Hall on North Front street, next
WEDNESDAY EVENING
at 8:30 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present at above meeting.
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ST. JOHN'S LODGE NO. 1.
A. F. & A. M.

Special Communication this (Sunday) afternoon at 1:30 o'clock for the purpose of attending the funeral and paying the last tribute of respect to our deceased brother John Franklin Maunder. All members are requested to attend. The Members of Wilmington and Orient Lodges and all visiting brethren are cordially invited to join with us.

By order of the Worshipful Master.
A. S. HOLDEN,
Secretary.

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Masonic Temple, Dec. 6th 1908.
WILMINGTON LODGE NO. 319,
A. F. & A. M.

Emergent Communication Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock for work in F. C. degree. Visiting brethren cordially invited to attend.

By order of W. M.
THOS. F. BAGLEY,
Secretary.

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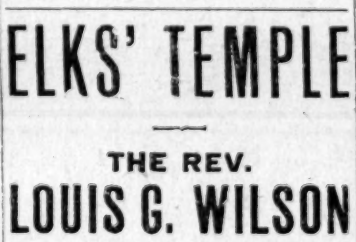

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SUITS FROM.....$8.00 TO $25.00
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Condensed Statement
to the Comptroller of the Currency
of
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(The youngest and most progressive bank in the city.) at the close of business Nov. 27th, 1908.

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$208,543.38	Capital Stock	$100,000.00
Overdrafts	45.53	Net profits	2,649.38
U. S. Bonds and Premium	46,684.38	Circulation	45,000.00
Redemption Fund	2,850.00	DEPOSITS	222,132.31
Furniture and Fixtures	4,580.43		
CASH	107,078.41		
	$369,782.19		$369,782.19

W. B. Cooper, President. Thos. E. Cooper, Cashier.
Geo. O. Gaylord, Vice President.
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DAVID'S
MERRY XMAS
Suggestions for "Him"
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From our stock of Men's excellent Garments, correct Headwear and choice Haberdashery the most appropriate Christmas gifts, it is possible to make, can be chosen.
Make your selections early, while the picking is the best. Better now than later.
You'll find our prices no barrier to choosing exactly what you'd like to give "Him."
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UNIFORM BILL OF LADING IMPORTANT IN COMMERCE

Subject of Address Recently Delivered by President Lewis E. Pierson Before Pennsylvania Bankers' Association in Session at Bedford Springs—Standard Form Recommended by Inter-State Commission.

The question of a uniform and standard bill of lading approved by the Inter-State Commerce Commission by order of June 27th, 1908, and which will shortly be put in effect by all the leading Southern railways, is a question of much concern to shippers and receivers. As throwing much light upon the question of bills of lading in general and the need of legislation by Congress covering the question, the Star has been requested to reprint the following address delivered by Lewis E. Pierson, president of the Irving National Exchange Bank, before the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association, at its recent session at Bedford Springs. Under the head "Importance of Bills of Lading in Commerce," Mr. Pierson says:

Next to the currency, and in speaking of currency, I include bank checks, the bill of lading is today the most important instrument in commerce.

It is the symbol always given by the carrier to the shipper and used to represent merchandise in transit. Every article of manufacture from shoestrings to a Corliss engine in the journey from factory to market is represented by a bill of lading. Every one of our great staple crops, the grains, cotton and, in fact, every item of farm produce as well as live stock, goes to market only after the issue of a bill of lading by carrier to shipper.

Likewise the shipment of the products of our forests and mines is only initiated after the bill of lading has been issued.

Thus it is readily seen that in every part of the country, in connection with all its important industries, the bill of lading is the one vital document representing title, while the goods are in transit and removed from the immediate possession of the owner.

In spite, however, of the vast extent of the interests involved, as well as the vital importance of the bill of lading in its relation to the country's commerce, our law makers have been sadly negligent in granting legislation defining the rights and obligations of the parties interested in the document; and in many litigated cases a number of courts have shown an amazing lack of appreciation of the commercial aspects of the bill of lading.

But as will be shown, an awakening has come in the last four years, and results are even now at hand.

There are two classes of bills of lading:

1. The straight bill of lading used when the shipper consigns the goods direct to his agent or a purchaser at destination.

2. The order bill of lading, issued when the shipper desires to retain control of the goods en route and at destination; or upon endorsement of the bill of lading, desires to secure cash advances upon the same, either from the merchant to whom he ships or from his local bank.

The order bill is distinguished from a straight bill of lading by a provision inserted therein, usually known as Clause 9, which provides that when the word "Order" is written before or after the name of the consignee, a straight bill of lading becomes an order bill of lading, and that the goods represented will be held undelivered pending the surrender of the document.

This clause originally was inserted for the purpose of permitting the shipper to retain control of the goods, and not with the idea that a bill of lading would be used as collateral security for money advances.

In the framing of the various provisions inserted, the carriers have at no time taken into consideration any interests other than those of the shipper, and themselves, all having been framed as though these parties were the only ones interested in the contract, with no regard to uniformity, each carrier using every endeavor to limit its liability.

The idea that third parties might acquire rights to the goods represented through assignment of the bill, and that there might be a duty on the part of the carrier to safe-guard the rights of such assignees, has not been recognized or given weight.

The position of the carrier has been that it was his duty to carry goods and to issue to the shipper a receipt and contract to deliver, but that it is not part of his duty to issue a document of such form and nature that the shipper might negotiate it for value and which would carry sure and certain rights to the transferee; the furthest the carrier has gone in this direction has been to print Clause 9 on the bill.

Through a mistaken belief, however, that this clause would give to the transferee all the rights and title to the goods, the order bill of lading has today grown to be the most potent influence in the financing of the country's products, in spite of the lack of legislation granting to the document any degree of negotiability or assignability.

Development in Use of Bills of Lading

In the early days farm products were converted into cash through shipments to commission men in the centers, where after arrival and inspection such shipments were sold and proceeds transmitted direct to producer; all necessitating weeks of delay until funds could be made available at the originating point.

With continued growth in each community and the wonderful developments in quick communication, whereby more accurate knowledge of and confidence in conditions was possible, shipping became specialized.

Keeping pace with these developments the demand soon arose for a method by which the harvests could be more readily converted into cash to relieve the strain upon the local communities during the crop moving period; and it is at this point that the domestic bill of lading originally came into the situation as a medium to quickly secure funds to finance the crops.

These bills of lading contained as many printed provisions for exemption from liability as the varying ingenuity of the attorneys of each railroad could invent, and were issued in as many sizes, forms and colors as might be determined by the whims of each railroad supply clerk.

Relying, however, upon the apparent ability to hold the goods through Clause 9 in the bill of lading, shippers soon began to draw drafts upon merchants to whom their shipments were made, attaching to the drafts the bill of lading representing the goods and depositing the draft in bank for collection and credit when paid.

The merchant in the center, to facilitate his shippers' operations and thereby create funds for the purchase of additional shipments, would pay such drafts upon presentation before arrival of the goods, through confidence in Clause 9, and later, if no controversy arose, reimburse himself by sale of the shipment.

With this condition working smoothly, it was but a step to induce the local bank at the shipping point to also place reliance in Clause 9, and give immediate credit upon these shippers' drafts, pending their payment by the merchant.

At the receiving point the custom has also arisen for the merchant thus becoming possessed of order bills of lading to use the same to secure loans from his banker, who also places his reliance in Clause 9 to convey title and possession of goods for his protection.

Benefits of Bills of Lading in Financing Crops.

I have gone into details to illustrate how these operations have grown from small beginnings, and also to show the immeasurable benefit of such a method by throwing the burden of providing funds upon the shoulders of shipper, banker and merchant instead of as formerly at harvest time upon producer alone.

This illustration also shows how vital in the integrity of order bills of lading is the interest of every merchant advancing funds to pay drafts pending receipt and sale of goods. His position is precisely the same as that of the banker making advances upon drafts pending their payment by the merchant, each being equally exposed to all of the dangers existing at the present time through lack of definite legislation.

That this method of financing our products benefits the whole country beyond measure, none can doubt; but because of losses incurred after much litigation, a discontinuance or at least curtailment of the method is threatened.

Cause of Losses.

1. Through delivery of goods to rightful owner without taking up the bill and subsequent fraudulent negotiation of the outstanding spent bill.

2. The material alteration of the quantity of merchandise specified in the bill.

3. Fraudulent insertion of the word "Order" on a straight bill, after issuance by the carrier.

4. Material alterations of date or other important particulars.

Practically all of the above conditions have been possible through the loose methods of issue and taking up of the bills at the hands of the carriers. There are others, however, namely:

Negotiation of bills by shippers without title to the goods or with encumbered title; or where the carrier has a lien on the goods, not shown by the bill, for prior charges owed him by the shipper.

Making the party holding the bill and surrendering same upon payment of the draft, liable for genuineness and a warrantor of the quality, quantity and condition of the goods.

In addition to all the above causes and the lack of legal definition covering the negotiability or assignability of bills of lading, the most menacing situation confronting those advancing value on bills of lading is the attitude of some courts in holding a carrier not liable for the merchandise represented by the bill of lading where the goods have not been received by the carrier, even though the bill is issued by the carrier's authorized agent. Other courts have held to the contrary, and for reasons best shown by a Minnesota decision holding the carrier liable, which among other things said:

Minnesota Decision.

"A well-established custom has grown up in commercial circles by which such bills of lading are treated as the symbols of title to the property in transit, are taken as security for money advanced and endorsed and delivered as a transfer of the property.

"This is well understood by the railroad companies, and every one else. To allow the railroad companies to ignore this custom would be to destroy the custom itself.

"This would cause great hardship, revolutionize business methods and drive all buyers and shippers of small means out of business, as they could no longer give ready and available security on commodities in transit and thereby turn their limited capital sufficiently quickly and often to enable them to do business This in turn would destroy competition and leave the business in the hands of a few concerns with unlimited capital.

"Neither have the railroad companies any right to ignore this custom. On the contrary it must be held that these companies have been doing business with reference to this custom as much as the shippers themselves, and the consignee banks, commission merchants and others who are continually advancing money on the faith of the security of these bill of lading.

"The effect of this custom, independent of statute, is to make bills of lading to some extent and for some purposes negotiable and to give superior rights to innocent transferees in the usual course of business.

Inter-State Commerce Commission and Bills of Lading.

Some four years ago the attention of the Inter-State Commerce Commission was directed to the situation surrounding bills of lading, and at its suggestion there was appointed a joint committee of shippers and carriers, charged with the duty of framing up provisions which, if approved, should be made uniform in all bills of lading issued by every carrier throughout the country.

The work of this joint committee has been conscientiously performed, its recommendations were last summer laid before the Inter-State Commerce Commission, and in October last a hearing was had before that body on the matter.

At the hearing there were represented a large number of railroads, shippers, commission merchants and the Bill of Lading Committee of the American Bankers' Association. The subject was thoroughly discussed and a number of oral arguments made and briefs submitted, including those of the committee of the American Bankers' Association.

For several months following the hearing the Inter-State Commerce Commission devoted much time to this subject, and a few weeks ago announced its decision, which was in effect as follows:

1. It was deemed highly desirable that uniformity be obtained both in form and in provision of all bills of lading issued by all carriers throughout the United States.

2. The commission specifically stated that it had no authority to compel the carriers to adhere to such uniformity.

3. In the interests of those concerned it had secured from the railroads in the Official Classification Territory and the shippers represented on the joint committee consent to the issuance of bills of lading with certain specified provisions and in certain specified forms.

4. These forms it further recommended to all carriers for adoption.

The points desired by the receiving merchants and the bankers' committee were each and every one favorably included in these recommendations; they are:

1. Two separate forms of bills of lading on different colored paper, one for straight and one for order shipments.

2. The prominent printing of the words "Order of" before the name of the consignee of order bills.

3. The omission of the words "not negotiable" from order bills and the printing of such words on straight bills.

4. The amendment of the alteration clause so that a fraudulently altered bill shall be good for its original tenor and not destroyed completely.

5. A provision that the carrier, liable for loss, shall have the benefit of any insurance "so far as shall not avoid the policies or contracts of insurance."

And it is understood that by November 1 the recommendations of the commission will be in general use throughout the country.

Other Bodies at Work.

No matter how well the joint committee may have performed its work, its results can only apply to the contract between the shipper and carrier, and even then fail in forcing all carriers to accept their recommendations through lack of power of the Inter-State Commerce Commission to compel such acceptance. These recommendations, therefore, fail to completely cover the situation, which result can only be attained by the adoption of proper Congressional and State legislation.

Recognizing this fact, other lines of work have been progressing during this same period, and include:

1. The commissioners of State laws; the framers of the Negotiable Instrument law; the Uniform Warehouse Receipt Act; the Bulk Sales Act, and other legislation framed for uniform State acceptance.

These commissioners are lawyers appointed, three from each State, and have recently finished consideration in an open convention of their fourth tentative bill of lading act, postponing final action until their session next year, when this measure will be pressed for adoption in each State.

2. Commercial organizations throughout the country, working in harmony with a committee in New York City, headed by George W. Neville, and representing the New York Cotton Exchange, Merchants' Association, New York Mercantile Exchange, New York Board of Trade and Transportation and National Wholesale Grocers' Association, who, with other influential bodies, held a meeting at Atlantic City last Fall, and organized for the purpose of actively pushing the needed legislation.

3. Numerous bankers' committees appointed by State banking associations and the American Bankers' Association, and co-operating with the commercial organizations.

The Maynard Bill in Congress.

Out of all this work, involving years of careful study by competent attorneys, wha have been constantly in touch with the work of the Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, a bill was drafted and introduced at the last session of Congress by Representative Maynard, and known as H. R. No. 14934, at the request of the committee representing the commercial organizations previously mentioned.

This bill was drawn:

1. To define an order bill of lading and require its issue upon a distinctive form.

2. To cover its transfer by either endorsement and delivery or upon delivery without endorsement, defining the rights acquired by the transferee to the title to the property, and the contract rights contained in the bill.

3. Imposing a fine or imprisonment penalty upon the shipper for fraudulently negotiating bills of lading.

4. Imposing upon the carrier the duty of requiring surrender and making cancellation of the bill upon delivery of the property described, or making endorsement on the document in case of partial delivery.

5. Prohibiting the issue of false or fictitious bills of lading by the carrier's agent and imposing a fine or imprisonment penalty for violation.

6. Protecting the carriar from liability where goods described in an order bill of lading have been misrepresented without fraud or want of reasonable care on part of carrier's agent.

7. Providing insertion in an order bill of lading of name of party to be notified on arrival shall not limit or affect rights of transferee.

Similar Situation Years Ago on Notes

The situation on bills of lading as instruments of value is similar to the condition existing upon promissory notes two centuries ago. Then, as now, the growth of civilization was steadily benefitting trade conditions and creating a demand for improved facilities to replace crude methods and customs of earlier days.

Out of this demand came the promissory note, about the year 1670, trade necessities not having been entirely met by foreign and inland bills of exchange, the only instruments of commerce then fully negotiable.

Promissory notes at that time made payable to bearer and to order and issued by bankers for cash deposits, as well as by traders in ordinary transactions; their transfer by delivery or endorsement was frequent, and through custom they were accorded the same negotiable qualities as bills of exchange.

A conflict of decision over the rights of transferees arose, however, and much litigation ensued, the controversy in 1702 being brought to a crisis by two decisions pronouncing against the negotiability of promissory notes, and declaring the attempt to make them negotiable an encroachment upon the common law, invented by merchants and bankers.

This invention, however, was one of which necessity was the mother, and in spite of the old school lawyers, Parliament in 1704 passed the law of Anne, which epacted that promissory notes "shall be assignable or endorsable over in the same manner as inland bills of exchange are or may be according to the custom of merchants."

The custom as to notes crystallized into law made them completely negotiable, their payment being based upon money, but we realize that this full measure of negotiability cannot be obtained for order bills of lading based upon merchandise of varying values.

The conditions proposed to Congress, therefore, seek mainly to secure assignability, giving no greater rights than those possessed by the first holder, but clearly defining these rights as well as the obligations of the carriers.

Duty of Congress.

The present great conflict of decision and legislation on bills of lading and the technical rather than mercantile construction of the varying statutes of the few States which have

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—Courtesy Washington Star.

THE CHRISTMAS STAMP

Movement by National Red Cross Society Had Its Inception in Denmark—A Great Work in Wilmington, Delaware.

(Priscilla Leonard in Youth's Companion.)

There is a new stamp in America. It is not in the stamp albums yet, because, like the old stamps the private mail and express companies used before the federal post-office began to issue them, it is of the pioneer variety. But the day may come when, like those pioneer stamps, it will be worth many times its weight in gold to philatelists.

The Christmas stamp started in Delaware three weeks before last Christmas. For some years there has been a Christmas stamp in Europe, in little Denmark; and as one of the smallest kingdoms in Europe began it, so one of the smallest states in the Union took it up. The Denmark stamp is a government one, issued by the postoffice, and with the king's head on it, and the one word Jul, which is Danish for "Yule," an old Anglo-Saxon word for Christmas. It is issued each year at Christmas, for the season, and every cent from its sale goes to help tuberculosis work in Denmark. It costs half a cent, and sells by the millions, having almost doubled its sale each year for the last three years.

The Christmas stamp in America could not be a government stamp, for that would take a special act of Congress, and might overburden an already unmanageable Christmas delivery.

It was the Delaware Red Cross that undertook it, with the good-will of the postal officials—for the Red Cross, being a great national organization, with the then Secretary of War as its president, possessed the confidence of the postal service. The Christmas stamp was presented to the National Red Cross Convention in Washington early in December, 1907, was formally approved, and was launched in Delaware as soon as the delegates reached home again.

The first issue of the Christmas stamp numbered only fifty thousand—price, one cent apiece. Delaware is a small State, and the project was a new one; but in ten days the issue was exhausted.

The drug-stores sold the stamps, and the department stores; the leading newspapers sold them in their offices; the schools sold them by the thousand; the women's clubs all over Delaware indorsed them heartily, and put them on sale.

One hundred thousand more were printed, and by that time they overflowed the northern border of the little State, and got into the Philadelphia stores and newspapers. The Treasury Department granted leave to sell them in the outer corridors of the postoffice buildings in Wilmington and Philadelphia. Each day the sales mounted, and two hundred thousand more were printed, the presses running day and night, for stamps are tedious and difficult to print and perforate.

When Christmas day came, the stamps were selling so wildly that it would have been impossible for the supply to be kept up had the season lasted any longer. Nearly four hundred thousand Christmas stamps had been sold when the committee in charge made up its accounts after the holidays.

"These stamps do not carry any kind of mail, but any kind of mail will carry them," had been the legend printed on the envelopes holding the stamps for sale. Every kind of mail did carry them, fast and far, and from all points where they went, inquiries came back to the Red Cross headquarters in Delaware.

Men and women wrote from Manitoba and Florida, Texas and Maine, to commend the idea, and to ask, "Will there be a Christmas stamp next Christmas?" This question the National Red Cross has answered in the affirmative.

Mr. Howard Pyle has designed the Christmas stamp for 1908. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing will print it, and it will be obtainable through the Red Cross in each State throughout the land. It will not carry mail, but can be placed on any letter or package, singly or in quantity. It is a one-cent stamp, and every cent from its sale goes to help the fight against tuberculosis in the State in which the stamp is sold.

Delaware consumptives are now being nursed and fed by the proceeds of the Christmas stamp of 1907. A tuberculosis dispensary, with a trained nurse and daily free supplies of milk and eggs, has been in operation since January in Wilmington, and many and pathetic have been the cases aided and relieved. Sanatorium work is also being done for patients from all over the State.

The very spirit of Christmas thus shines on over the year, and the little stamp is eagerly looked for again.

When the 1908 issue appears, with its sprigs of holly, its red cross, and its holiday legend of "Merry Christmas, Happy New Year," it will claim a unique place in the great stamp family, and be welcomed by all lovers of Christmas as a fitting symbol of "Good-will to men."

Rest is all that the weak stomach needs. But the rest must be complete. Pepsin digests but a single food element. Kodol alone can digest them all.

Satan Sanderson

By HALLIE ERMINIE RIVES,

Author of "Hearts Courageous," Etc.

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(Continued From Last Sunday.)

SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—David Stires, determined to disinherit his scapegrace son Hugh in favor of his blind ward, Jessica Holme, is dissuaded by the girl and the Rev. Harry Sanderson. The latter, who resembles Hugh greatly, sowed his wild oats with the younger Stires in college, where he was known as "Satan Sanderson." II—Hugh returns and is welcomed by his father. There is no hope of Hugh's reformation, but Jessica, deceived by her blindness, loves him. He plans to marry her. III—Harry lends him money.

"If any man can show just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him speak or else hereafter forever hold his peace." In the pause—the slightest pause—that turned the page he felt an insane prompting to tear off his robes, to proclaim to this roomful of heated, gaping, fan fluttering humanity that he himself, a minister of the gospel, the celebrant of the rite, knew "just cause."

The choking impulse passed. The periods rolled on. The long white glove was slipped from the hand, the ring put on the finger, and the pair whom God and Harry Sanderson had joined together were kneeling on the white satin priedieu with bowed heads under the final invocation. As they knelt choir voices rose.

Then, while the music lingered, the hush of the room broke in a confused murmur, the white ribbon wound ropes were let down, and a voluble wave of congratulators swept over the spot. In a moment more Harry found himself laying off his robes in the next room.

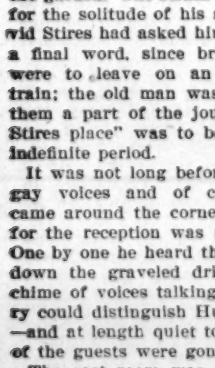
The celebrant of the rite knew "just cause."

With a sigh of relief he stepped through the wide French window into the garden. The strain over, he longed for the solitude of his study. But David Stires had asked him to remain for a final word, since bride and groom were to leave on an early evening train; the old man was to accompany them a part of the journey, and "the Stires place" was to be closed for an indefinite period.

It was not long before the sound of gay voices and of carriage wheels came around the corner of the house, for the reception was to be curtailed. One by one he heard the carriages roll down the graveled driveway. A last chime of voices talking together—Harry could distinguish Hugh's voice now—and at length quiet told him the last of the guests were gone.

The east room was empty save for servants who were gathering some of the cut flowers for themselves. He stood aimlessly for a few moments looking about him. A white carnation lay at the foot of the dais, fallen from Jessica's shower bouquet. He picked this up, abstractedly smelled its perfume and drew the stem through his buttonhole. He heard voices in the library, and, opening the door, he entered.

In the room sat old David Stires in his wheel chair opposite his son. He was deadly pale, and his fierce eyes blazed like fire in tinder. And what a Hugh! Not the indolently gay prodigal Harry had known in the past nor the dashed bridegroom of a half hour ago! It was a cringing, a hangdog Hugh, with a slinking dread in the face, a trembling of the hands, a tense expectation in the posture. The thin line across his brow was a livid pallor. His eyes lifted to Harry's for an instant, then returned in a kind of fascination to a slip of paper on the desk, on which his father's forefinger rested, like a nail transfixing an animate infamy.



"We have married Jessica to a common thief!"

"Sanderson," said the old man in a low, hoarse, unnatural voice, "come in and shut the door. God forgive us! We have married Jessica to a common thief! Hugh, my son, my only child, whom I have forgiven beyond all reckoning, has forged my name to a draft for $5,000!"

Chapter 5

FOR a moment there was dead silence in the room. Harry's breath caught in his throat, and the old man's eye again impaled the hapless son. Hugh threw up his head with an attempt at jauntiness, but with furtive apprehension in every muscle, for he could not solve the look he saw on his father's face, and said:

"You act as if it were a cool million. I'm no worse than a lot who have better luck than I. Suppose I did draw the five thousand. You were going to give me ten for a wedding present. I had to have the money then, and you wouldn't have given it to me. You know that as well as I do. Besides, I was going to take it up myself, and you would never have been the wiser. He promised to hold it. It's a low trick for him to round on me like this. I'll pay him off for it some time. I don't see that it's anybody else's business but ours anyway," he continued, with a surly glance at Harry.

Harry had been staring at him, but with a vision turned curiously backward—a vision that seemed to see Hugh standing at a carpeted dais in a flower hung room, while his own voice said out of a lurid shadow, "Wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband"—

"Stay, Sanderson," said the old man; then turning to Hugh, "Who advanced you money on this and promised to 'hold it?'"

"Dr. Moreau."

"He profited by it?"

"He got his margin," said Hugh sullenly.

"How much margin did he get?"

"A thousand."

"Where is the rest?" David Stires' voice was like a whip of steel.

Hugh hesitated a moment. He had still a few hundreds in pocket, but he did not mention them.

"I used most of it. I—had a few debts."

"Debts of honor, I presume?"

Hugh's sensibility quivered at the fierce, grating irony of the inquiry.

"If you'd been more decent with spending money," he said with a flare of the old effrontery, "I'd have been all right! Ever since I came home you've kept me strapped. I was ashamed to stick up any more of my friends. And of course I couldn't borrow from Jessica?"

"Ashamed!" exclaimed the old man with harsh sternness. "You are without the decency of shame! If you were capable of feeling it you would not mention her name now!"

Hugh thought he saw a glimmer through the storm cloud. Jessica was his anchor to windward. What hurt him would hurt her. He would pull through!

"Well," he said, "it's done, and there's no good making such a row about it. She's my wife and she'll stand by me, if nobody else does!"

No one had ever seen such a look on David Stires' face as came to it now—a sudden blaze of fury and righteous scorn that burned it like a brand.

"You impudent blackguard! You drag my name in the gutter and then try to trade on my self respect and Jessica's affection. You thought you would take it up yourself and I would be none the wiser! And if I did find it out you counted on my love for the poor, deluded girl you have married to make me condone your criminality, to perjure myself, to admit the signature and shield you from the consequences. You imagine because you are my son that you can do this thing and all still go on as before. Do you suppose I don't consider Jessica? Do you think because you have fooled and cheated her and me and married her that I will give her now to a caught thief, a common jailbird?"

In the thoughts that were darting through Hugh's mind there was none now of regret or of pity for Jessica. His fear was the fear of the trapped spoiler who discerns capture and its consequent penalties in the patrolling bullseye flashed upon him. He studied his father with hunted, calculating eyes as the old man turned to Harry Sanderson.

"Sanderson," said David Stires once more in his even, deadly voice, "Jessica is waiting in the room above this. She will not understand the delay. Will you go to her? Make some excuse—any you can think of—till I come."

Harry nodded and left the room, shutting the door carefully behind him, carrying with him the cowering, helpless look with which Hugh saw himself left alone with his implacable judge. What to say to her? How to say it. He mounted the stair as if a pack swung from his shoulders. He paused a moment at the door, then knocked, turned the knob and entered.

There in the middle of the blue hung room in her wedding dress, with her bandaged eyes, and her bridal bouquet on the table, stood Jessica. Twilight was near, but even so all the shutters were drawn save one, through which a last glow of refracted sunlight sifted to fall upon his face. Her hands were clasped before her. He could hear her breathing—the full, hurried respiration of expectancy.

Then, while his hand closed the door behind him, a thing unexpected, anomalous, happened—a thing that took him as utterly by surprise as if the solid floor had yawned before him. Slim fingers tore away the broad encircling bandage. She started forward. Her arms were flung about his neck.

"Hugh, Hugh!" she cried. "My husband!"

The paleness was stricken suddenly from Harry's face. An odd, dazed color, a flush of mortification, of self reproach, flooded it from chin to brow. Despite himself he had felt his lips molding to an answering kiss beneath her own. He drew a gasping breath, his hand nervously caught the bandage, replaced it over the eyes and tied it tightly, putting down her protesting hands.

"Oh, Hugh," she pleaded, "not for a moment—not when I am so happy! Your face is what I dreamed it must be! Why did you make me wait so

"Hugh, Hugh!" she cried. "My husband!"

long? And I can see, Hugh! I can really see! Let it stay off, just for one little moment more!"

He held her hands by force. "Jessica, wait," he said in a broken whisper. "You must not take it off again—not now!"

An incredible confusion enveloped him. His tongue cleaved to the roof of his mouth. Not only had the painful contretemps nonplused and dismayed him; not only had it heightened and horrified the realization of what she must presently be told—it had laid a careless hand upon his own secret, touching it with an almost vulgar mockery. It had overthrown in an instant the barricades he had been piling. The pressure of those lips on his had sent coursing to the farthest recesses of his nature a great wave which dikes nor locks might ever again forbid.

"What a dear goose you are!" she said. "The light didn't hurt them—indeed, indeed! Only to think, Hugh! Your wife will have her sight! Do go and tell your father. He will be waiting to know!"

Harry made some incoherent reply. He was desperately anxious to get away. His thought was a snarl of tatters threaded by one lucid purpose—to spare her coming self abasement this sardonic humiliation.

He almost ran from the room and down the stair.

Chapter 6

AT the foot of the stair Harry paused, drawing a deep breath as if to lift a weight of air. He needed to get his bearings, to win back a measure of calmness.

As he stood there Hugh came from the library. His head was down, and he went furtively and slinkingly, as though dreading even a casual regard. He snatched his hat from the rack, passed out of the house and was swallowed up in the dusk. David Stires had followed his son into the hall. He answered the gloomy question in Harry's eyes.

"He is gone," he said, "and I hope to heaven I may never see his face again!" Then slowly and feebly he ascended the stairs.

Ten, fifteen minutes passed, and old David Stires re-entered the room, went feebly to his wheel chair and sat down.

"I have told her," he said presently in a broken voice. "You are kind, Sanderson, very kind. God help us!"

"What has God to do with it?" fell a voice behind them. Harry faced about. It was Jessica as he had first seen her in the upper room with the bandage across her eyes.

"What has God to do with it?" she repeated in a hard tone. "Perhaps Mr. Sanderson can tell us. It is in his line."

"Please," said Harry.

He could not have told what he would have asked, though the accent was almost one of entreaty. The harsh satire touched his sacred calling. Coming from her lips it affronted at once his religious instinct and his awakened love. It was all he said, for he stopped suddenly at sight of her face, pain frosted, white as the folded cloth.

"Oh," she said, turning toward the voice, "I remember what you said that night right here in this very room—that you sowed your wild oats at college with Hugh—that they were 'a tidy crop!' You were strong, and he was weak. You led, and he followed. You were 'Satan Sanderson,' abbot of the Saints, the set in which he learned gambling. Why, it was in your rooms that he played his first game of poker. He told me so himself! And now he has gone to be an outcast, and you stand in the pulpit in a cassock, you the Rev. Henry Sanderson! You helped to make him what he has become! Can you undo it?"

Harry was looking at her with a stricken countenance. He had no answer ready. The wave of confusion that had submerged him when he had restored the bandage to her eyes had again welled over him.

"I am not excusing Hugh now," she went on wildly. "He has gone beyond excuse or forgiveness. He is as dead to me as though I had never known him, though the word you spoke an hour ago made me his wife. I shall have that to remember all my life—that and the one moment I had waited for so long, for my first sight of his face and my bride's kiss! I must carry it with me always. I can never wipe that face from my brain or the sting of that kiss from my lips—the kiss of a forger, of my husband!"

The old man groaned. "I didn't know he had seen her!" he said helplessly. "Jessica, Hugh's sin is not Sanderson's fault!"

In her bitter words was an injustice as passionate as her pain, but for her life she could not help it. She was a woman wrenched and torn, tortured beyond control, numb with anguish.

To Harry Sanderson her words fell with a wholly disproportionate violence. It had never occurred to him that he himself had been individually and actively the cause of Hugh's downfall. The accusation pierced through the armor of self esteem that he had linked and riveted with habit. The same pain of mind that had spurred him on that long ago night to the admission she had heard had started to new life a bared, a scathed, a rekindling sin.

Showered blow upon blow on the hard clay.

"It is all true," he said. It was the inveterate voice of conscience that spoke. "I have been deceiving myself. I was my brother's keeper! I see it now."

She did not catch the deep compunction in the judicial utterance. She stood an instant quivering, then turned and, feeling blindly for the door, swept from their sight.

White and breathless, Jessica climbed the stair. In her room she took a key from a drawer and ran swiftly to the attic studio. She unlocked the door with hurried fingers, tore the wrappings from the tall white figure of the prodigal son and found a heavy mallet. She lifted this with all her strength and showered blow upon blow on the hard clay, her face and hair and shimmering train powdered with the white dust, till the statue lay on the floor, a heap of tumbled fragments.

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Fateful and passionate as the scene in the library had been, her going left a pall of silence in the room. Harry Sanderson looked at David Stires with pale intentness.

"Yet I would have given my life," he said in a low voice, "to save her this!"

Something in the tone caught the old man. He glanced up.

"I never guessed," he said slowly—"I never guessed that you loved her too."

But Harry had not heard. He did not even know that he had spoken aloud.

David Stires turned his wheel chair to the Korean desk, touching the bell as he did so. He took up the draft and put it into his pocket. He pressed a spring; a panel dropped and disclosed a hidden drawer, from which he took a crackling parchment. It was the will against whose signing Harry had pleaded months before in that same room. The butler entered.

"Witness my signature, Blake," he said and wrote his name on the last page. "Mr. Sanderson will sign with you."

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An hour later the fast express that bore Jessica and David Stires was shrieking across the long skeleton railroad bridge, a dotted trail of fire against the deepening night.

(Continued Next Sunday.)

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HAPPENINGS AND DOINGS IN SOCIETY

By M. H.

The annual holiday german of L'Arioso Club will be given this year on Wednesday night, December 30th, and the affair is being looked forward to with much interest and pleasure by members of the Club and many visitors who will be here at that time.

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The large circle of friends of Miss Sophie Campbell, whose illness has been a matter of such deep concern, will learn with much pleasure that her improvement during the past week has been steady, and hopes are now entertained for her rapid convalescence.

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The many friends of Miss Alice Huske, who has been the popular visitor of Miss Marguerite Walker, will regret to learn that she left on Monday last for Mt. Olive, where she spent several days, after which she left for Raleigh, where she will visit before returning to her home in Washington, D. C.

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Mr. Thomas W. Alexander and bride, nee Spruill, returned to Charlotte Wednesday evening from New York where they spent their honeymoon. They stopped at the Hotel Astor while in New York. For the present Mr. and Mrs. Alexander will make their home with Captain S. B. Alexander, on West Trade street in Charlotte.

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The marriage of Miss Annie D. Hinsdale, daughter of Colonel John W. Hinsdale, to Mr. Harold Vincent Joslin, of Norfolk, Va., which took place in Christ Episcopal Church, at 11:30 o'clock, on Wednesday morning last, in Raleigh, N. C., was of much interest to the many friends of Miss Hinsdale in this city, where she has been a popular visitor. The bride and groom left after the ceremony for a bridal tour, returning from which they will be at home in Norfolk, Va.

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May Robson, as Aunt Mary, the New England spinster, in "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary," is coming to the Academy next Friday evening. The role of Aunt Mary as portrayed by Miss Robson fits her, and is one of the best she has ever had. The play is full of bright comedy lines, novel situations and that wholesome sweetness that appeals to everybody. There is no villainy, no risque situations, no one wronged—nothing but delightful fun, just the kind that keeps you chucking throughout the evening.

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A marriage of much interest to Wilmington people is that of Rev. J. Marvin Culbreth and Miss Bessie Travich, which will take place Tuesday at Nashville, Tenn. The bride is a daughter of Dr. Travich, a leading citizen of Nashville. Mr. Culbreth is greatly beloved in Wilmington, where he was for several years pastor of Market Street Methodist church. He is a graduate of Trinity College and at present is in charge of the theological correspondence school of Vanderbilt University. His many friends offer hearty congratulations and best wishes.

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On Saturday evening of last week Miss Jennie Murchison charmingly entertained a number of friends in honor of her cousin, Mr. Lawrence Sprunt, who was at home for the holidays. A most interesting game of euchre was played, and delicious refreshments were served. Miss Murchison's guests were: Misses Bessie Bridgers, Helen Strange, Marguerite Walker, Virginia Bailey, Atha Hicks, Julia Worth, Jennie and Fannie Murchison, and Messrs. Markley Crosswell, Rob James, William Watters, J. Horton James, M. Ashley Curtis, Marion James, John Murchison, and the guest of honor, Mr. Lawrence Sprunt.

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The following invitations were received by friends in the city during the past week:

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Augustus Thompson
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Mary Cornelia
to
Mr. Joseph Gregoire de Roulhac Hamilton
on the evening of Tuesday the twenty-second of December
at six o'clock
Christ Church
Raleigh, North Carolina.

Mr. Hamilton spent a couple of years in this city, where he was principal of the Wilmington High School, and in that time he made a host of friends who will learn with interest of his approaching marriage.

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The sale which was held by the Young Woman's Auxiliary, of Saint James' Church, under the direction of Mrs. W. N. Harriss, in the parlors of the Colonial Inn, on Thursday afternoon last, was a great success, and many useful and pretty articles were bought by yule-tide shoppers. Tea was served by some of the members from "The Sign of the Green Tea-Pot," which added a very pleasant social feature to the occasion. The sale which was to have been held by the Junior Auxiliary, Branch 1, of Saint John's Church, at the residence of Mrs. Woolvin, has been postponed until Friday, December 11th, and it is believed that there will be a large number present to avail themselves of this opportunity to do their Christmas shopping, and to partake of the pleasures of this Japanese tea.

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"The Sign of the Green Tea-Pot", which was formally opened on Tuesday afternoon, in the parlors of the Colonial Inn, is an innovation which promises to be very popular and the members of the Young Woman's Auxiliary of St. James' Church, under whose management it is being conducted, feel much encouraged and have every reason to hope that this will be a success. They expect to serve tea every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoon, and as "The Sign of the Green Tea-Pot" is very conveniently situated for Christmas shoppers, as well as those who are calling, etc., it is believed that the patronage will be large, not only from the fact that the proceeds will go to so worthy a cause, but also, that this affords a pleasant occasion for social intercourse.

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Mr. Clarence D. Maffitt was the host of a most delightful launch party, given on Thursday afternoon of last week on his launch the "Scuppernong," when the merry party sailed up Smith's Creek, and down the old Cape Fear. Mr. Maffitt had provided for his guests a Victor Machine, which was the source of much amusement. After returning from the boat ride, an informal dance was held in the hall over Mr. Maffitt's office, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion with the flags of many nations. Mr. Maffitt's guests were: Misses Marguerite Walker, Alice Huske, of Washington, D. C., Misses Virginia Bailey, Jessie Crosswell, Fayetteville, N. C., Senah Critz, Winston-Salem, Kate Winslow, Hertford, N. C., Helen Strange, Madeline deRosset, Christine Stevenson, Isabel Smallbones, Jennie Murchison, Fannie Murchison, and Messrs. Richard Meares, Robert Calder, Milton Calder, Hugh Clongle, Marion James, Shepard Pender, Ed Bailey, and Markley Crosswell.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hadley Dobson
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at the marriage of their daughter
Athalia Lynch
to
Mr. Tohmas Philip Hammer
on the afternoon of Saturday, the nineteenth of December at five o'clock
Saint Philip's Church
Baltimore Avenue and Forty-Second street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hammer for several years past has been a resident of Wilmington, where he has formed a large circle of friends, and where he has been prominently identified with the lumber business, being secretary-treasurer of the Hammer Lumber Company. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Class of 1904, where he was prominent in athletics, and a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, and since living in Wilmington, has been prominent in social life, while the bride-to-be is a member of one of the most prominent and exclusive families in Pennsylvania. Mr. Hammer has just completed an attractive home at "Carolina Heights," where they will be at home to their friends in Wilmington after February 1st. It will be of interest to learn that the young couple will travel through Virginia in an automobile, where they will stop at "Rehobath," Chester Valley, the home of the bride's revolutionary ancestors, once General Anthony Wayne's headquarters during the Valley Forge encampment. Mr. Frank T. Nine and Mr. Walter Storm, Jr., of this city, will be among the attendants at the wedding.

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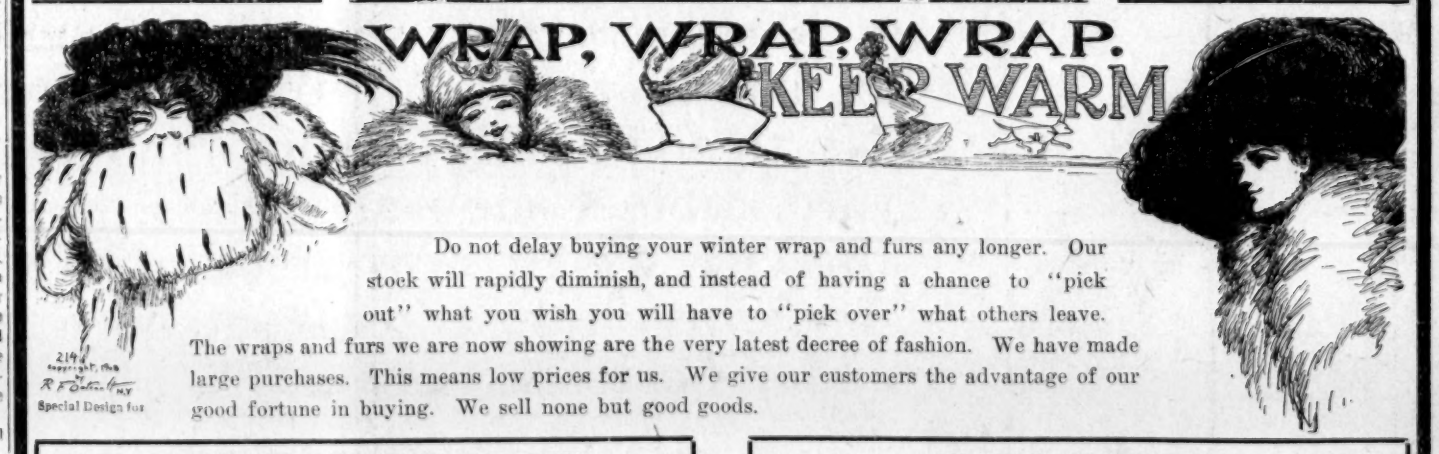

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D

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Their market is the leader in town they say,
And their service grows better day after day
At this market you'll find meats fresh and pure
And please you they will and this I assure
Try them and both quality and service they'll give
If you'll Phone them your name and the place where you live.

HOPKINS & DAVIS

CITY MARKET.

N

Stands for Novelties in the Ladies' Ready-to-wear line,
But **The Bon Marche's** stock is simply divine.
We will dress you up fine at a very low price
In clothing that's nobby and something that's nice.
Quality is our motto; Attention comes next
Deal fair with everyone, this is our text
The Ladies' Suits we sell are stylish and can't be beat
And the Hat that came from our store is the swellest on the street.

The Bon Marche

High Class Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Garments.
Corner Second and Princess Streets.

O

When out for a walk, 32 North Front street,
Look up Robert C. DeRosset, he's pleasant to meet.
He'll show you Typewriters of the famous Fox style,
And those Y. N. E. Filing Cabinets, will make you stare quite awhile.
Fine office supplies, Blank Books, and good ink
In colors from black to purple and pink.
You'll find them right here in this beautiful store,
With pencils and Tablets and many things more.

Robt. C. DeRosset

Office Supplies,
Books, Stationery, Typewriters and Supplies, Filing Cabinets and Card Index System.
Phone 26. 32 North Front Street.

Q

Stands for **Quality,** of plumbing we do,
The best to your liking, we do it for you.
If it's plumbing for water, heating for Gas,
W. R. Dosher will do it just right if you'll only ask.
They'll plug up the leaks, and make everything tight,
And you needn't fear, for it's always done right.
All his mechanics are considered the best,
And their work has been proven by test after test.

W. R. DOSHER

Sanitary Plumbing. 209 1-2 North Front Street.
Prompt attention given to phone orders.

S

Stands for Stein-Bloch, their nobby line of clothes
They are "The Leaders" and always have been, as everybody knows.
This brand is the greatest in all the wide world
Its flag of fame will keep floating and never be furled
If Adam had walked in there naked and nude
He would have been soon well dressed and transformed to a Dude.
What they could do for Adam they can do for all
So when in need of good clothing just give them a call.
Their "Snappy" line of neck wear is the best made from cloth,
In fact the whole place wears a smile that won't come off.

J. W. FLEET CO.

Clothing, Hats and Gents' Furnishing Goods.

T

Jingle, Jingle, Jingle. Men folks are you single?
I'll tell you what to do,
Go to **Munson & Co.,** Tailors, they fit the Judge, also the Jailor.
They are tailors tried and true.
They will cut your suit and plan it, so the maidens cannot stand it
And they will follow you
Just because you look so handsome, they'll even give a ransom
To love and marry you.

MUNSON & CO.

MERCHANT TAILORS 106 North Front Street.

U

Stands for Unequalled, throughout their entire line,
If a livery team you want, they will get it there on time.
Their horses are the safest, their drivers are the best
If you'll only try them, they will put your doubts to rest.
For Harness, Buggies, and Wagons, they have the others beat,
And to look at those Robes and Blankets, it certainly is a treat.
They carry only up-to-date styles.
And when you get away you'll think for awhile
And decide in the future to give them your trade
And declare that a "hit" with your purse they have made.

City Livery Company

V

Is for **Chas. E. Vale** whom you all know well
Whose work is artistic and not made up pell-mell
Let nature do her worst, they are relics of joy
And a photo by this man, has no taint of alloy
A mirror of nature your children will scan
While they bless with their prayers the Photographer man
Whose art while embellishing lacks no detail
To give beauty full value he never does fail.

CHAS. E. VALE
Studio of Photography
Wilmington, N. C.

X

Represents **Sloan & Sweeney's Hardware Store,**
Whose goods quite often come to your door.
This store is down on South Front street,
'Tis here the Holiday Shoppers meet.
They make a point of quality,
And fairly deal with all they see.
Of wondrous beauty goods you'll find,
To please even old "Santa's" exacting mind.
Not only stoves and tinware in sight
But that swell line of nickle goods will you delight.

Sloan & Sweeney

HARDWARE, STOVES AND TINWARE.
18 South Front Street.

Z

Gives you an idea, an object of thought,
And this object is thinking where board should be sought.
The Gilbert is the place for everyone to go,
You're acquainted with this enterprising lady, I know
Her table is filled with good things to eat,
And dinner at this Hotel means simply a treat.
Bath Rooms convenient, everything kept neat,
Electric lights plentiful and comfortable steam heat.

THE GILBERT

A. M. GILBERT, PROPRIETOR.
Corner Front and Princess Streets.

By Rail and Water

The first work done by the new derelict destroyer Seneca, which was put into commission a few days ago, was the destruction on November 28 of the sunken barge Independent, 11 miles off Hog Island, Va. The wreck, with four masts above water, was directly in the path of coasting vessels and was a menace to shipping.

New York, Dec. 1.—The Seaboard Air Line Railway contracted in today's market for 700 steel and steel underframe freight cars, 200 gondola cars and 55 passenger, baggage and express cars. Deliveries are to be made as soon as the makers can push the contracts through. For the same system specifications are being prepared for important purchases of track material and iron and steel products for railroad shops.

—A $25,000 damage suit, based on the claim that the plaintiff, Mrs. H. A. Vassie of Baltimore, lost ten teeth and suffered various sorts of nervous shocks as a result of being knocked out of a hack by a Central of Georgia train, went to trial in the Superior Court in Savannah the past week. It was two years ago the latter part of this month. Mrs. Vassie had arrived in the city but a few minutes before her mishap from Philadelphia on the steamship Merrimac.

—About 700 of the 900 men of the South Baltimore Steel Car and Foundry Works of Baltimore, who have been on a strike for the last three weeks, returned to work when the doors of the shops were opened at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning. All the force did not return to work because material in some of the departments has run short, and the men must wait until a new stock arrives. It is hoped that the plant will be running full force by the end of this week. The men started on the order of 500 cars for the Atlantic Coast Line.

Lakeland, Fla., Dec. 5.—The first strawberries of the season were brought to Lakeland on Saturday by S. T. Reynolds, who has a strawberry farm a few miles north of the city. The strawberries sold for 50 cents on the local market and more could have been disposed of at that price. Within a few weeks the strawberry season will be on in full blast, which will bring a large amount of money into Lakeland, as this is the strawberry centre of Florida. Oranges are going out daily in carload lots. The fruit is excellent in flavor and is bringing good prices.

Charlotte Chronicle: "The Seaboard Air Line has been steadily working to the front in management and equipment and now takes rank among the best railroads in the country. As another evidence of its progress, the management has just decided upon an expenditure of nearly one million dollars in new engines, freight cars and track improvements. The Seaboard has a vast mileage in its system, but this order will be large enough to affect a greater portion of its territory. When the Marion connection with Johnson City is made, the side track service that Charlotte has been given for years past will give way to main line service. Much of the track of the old Carolina Central has been put in shape for the change, and the work is constantly in progress."

Earnings and expenses of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, as shown by a statement issued the past week by Comptroller Joseph W. Coxe show an increase in net earnings of 5 per cent. over the corresponding month of last year, although the total earnings show a sharp decrease. An increase in mileage of forty-four miles is reported. Passenger, mail and express earnings amounted to $367,472.45, as against $505,014.79 last year, a decrease of $137,542.34, or 37 per cent. Freight earnings for the month came to $2,162,194.29, compared with $2,568,011.24, a decrease of $405,816.95 or 16 per cent. The total decrease in earnings amounts to $543,359.29, or 18 per cent. The general expenses, including maintenance of way, traffic and general expenses, and conducting transportation, came to $1,485,418, as compared with $2,079,672.15, a decrease in expenditures of $594,253.24, or 29 per cent. Net earnings amount to $1,044,247.83, as compared with $993,358.88, an increase of $50,893.95, or 5 per cent.

It is expected that the report of John F. Wallace, who was engaged by the reorganization committee of the Seaboard Air Line railway to make a thorough examination into the physical condition of the system, will be submitted to the committee next month. This report will be used by the committee in determining how much it will be necessary to expend to place the property in the best condition. Thus far the committee has devoted itself to studying the needs of the property, and when the time comes to formulate a plan of reorganization it will be in position to go ahead with this work with the least possible delay. The track roadbed, bridges, equipment, buildings and terminals of the Seaboard are in better condition than ever before. The effect of the policy of the receivers in spending large sums on improveements is reflected in the decreased cost of operation, which is now at a lower ratio than ever before in the history of the company. It is believed in some quarters that if the Seaboard is allowed to remain in the hands of receivers for two years it will be possible to reorganize it without any assessment against the stock. In any event, it is not expected that reorganization will come for at least a year. It is generally expected that an amicable arrangement will be made with the Atlanta and Birmingham protective committee which will insure control of that property remaining with the Seaboard.

FUTURE OF OUR FORESTS

Paper Read at Recent Conference at Biltmore Estate, Near Asheville, by Collector of Customs Keith, of Wilmington.

The future destiny of the South depends upon the protection of its forests. This being true, the question arises, how is it to be done.

From Virginia to Texas, we have a narrow strip on the Atlantic slope of long leaf, short leaf, and lob-lolly pine. The long leaf pine alone in this belt gives to the South annually something like twenty millions of dollars in the production of tar, pitch, and spirits of turpentine, besides the hundreds of medical purposes, both for man and beasts, for which the spirits of this long leaf pine is used, and when its virtue is fully appreciated, and its true value considered, it may well be counted the most valuable tree on the face of the earth, as even the straw has many useful purposes.

There are thousands of consumptives who are living today by means of coming in contact with the product of this noted tree. The lifeless wood, timbers, etc., of other trees, whose duration for usefulness is only for a year or two, can be made to withstand the weather, water and other exposures, almost indefinitely, if continued application of the product of the long leaf pine is given every few years. These trees should not be boxed, as it destroys their growth and often causes them to blow down or invite forest fires which burn and kill them, but instead the cup should be used, which can be done successfully for a number of years, and then the tree cut, and timber even then is the most durable of any timber that we have. Like the old ox when he is worn out, he is the most valuable. The long leaf pine thrives best on poor sandy soil, while the short leaf and lob-lolly pine do best in swamps, bottoms, etc., and is equally as valuable for timber, but not for spirits, pitch, etc.

Take the forests of North Carolina as a whole, comprising its cypress, ash, elm, tupelo, sweet and red gum, poplar, oak, hickory, bass-wood and hemlock, producing more than its proportion of the three hundred species in the South and constituting a great portion of the wealth of our State and Southland. It is estimated that three-fifths of the standing timber of the United States is now in the South, and that one-half of the labor employed in the forests of the United States is employed in the South, producing annually something like one hundred and seventy-five millions of dollars. While the North and West have almost depleted their supply. That being true the main source of this product must come from the South in the future. At the rapid rate at which it is being cut the government report says, the supply will only last about twenty-eight years longer. Isn't it time for every thinking person to sit up and take notice of the merciless destruction of our forests which is destroying our agricultural as well as greatly affecting our manufacturing interests?

The greatest enemies of our forests are the piney wood rooter, scrub cattle, and the reckless lumberman. The piney woods rooter is a specie of hog that has four legs, known as razor back or needle with both ends sharp, and is allowed to run at large and whose chief business is to root up the young pines, destroying the buds, as well as the roots, consequently making deserts of our sandy soil, which if undisturbed by this worthless hog, would spontaneously produce young pines without special attention. These hogs also eat the acorns in the bottoms and swamps, that, like the pine, would soon reproduce themselves and litter the ground with leaves, decayed limbs, etc., that would give protection to the soil against the heavy rains that would absorb, more or less, and keep the ground porous, so the soil would absorb it, thus keeping the sun from baking it, as it does, which sheds the rain almost equivalent to a board floor, and rushes the water into ditches instead of being absorbed through the soil, then on to the rivulets, creeks, rivers, and on to the ocean, overflowing and destroying millions of dollars worth of agricultural products, and carrying with it the cream of the soil in the way of phosphates and carbonates of lime which are the life of the soil, thus leaving it poverty stricken, and to be replenished by artificial fertilizers, and making it often unprofitable to the agriculturist, and causing the innocent to suffer for the lack of statesmen in our Legislature, who should say to the owner of the wicked, worthless hog, (which is only a breeder of disease among those that mean something to their owners) that you have no right to let them run at large, and destroy the wealth and prosperity of our State, and also saying to the lumberman, you shall not cut any timber below a certain size, and you must have skilled men to superintend the cutting of said timber and not destroy the younger growth, whether the land be yours or not, also saying to the naval store manufacturer, you must use the cup and not box the pine. If the thinking people who are the guardians of the State and nation, would rise up in their might and condemn by their votes, any of the legislators who will not protect our forest, which they can by giving us the stock law for our State, and proper restriction over our lumbermen and naval store operators in a few years, with our warm climate, where the tree has from seven to eight months to grow against four to five months in the North and West, we will have an annual forest wealth, surpassed only by our cotton crop. Then, too, our agricultuarl and manufacturing interests will be protected, owing to the fact that the litter created by the forest will absorb the rain and let it drain into the streams gradually, thus giving the water courses the proper portion of the rain that falls, and supplying our water powers with sufficient water at all seasons and saving to the agriculturist on the course of these streams the great loss, now almost annually caused from overflows, and saving to the government millions of dollars now exepnded in dredging these rivers, besides giving to other sections more gradual rainfall, owing to the thick forest that will soon grow up, and the dampness from the ground causing vapor to arise which will produce clouds and rain, thus restoring our seasons, improving our agricultural interest as well as replenishing our forests.

If Japan, Germany, France, Belgium and other Eastern and European countries have found it profitable to plant trees for timber, as well as protecting their agricultural interests, will not our State Legislature help to replenish ours by giving us the stock law for the State at large and with proper restriction over the lumberman, there will be no necessity for us in most sections of North Carolina to plant any trees, as they will grow up and reproduce themselves, and we will soon have a forest everywhere, except where the land is cultivated. Then pass strict laws to protect the forests from fires, which can be done by a small tax levy, and let there be one fire overseer in each school district, giving him the power in case of fire to summon every male citizen from sixteen to fifty-five years of age, to help to protect same, whenever their services are required. First having fire list a reasonable distance apart, where there is no main road that would be sufficient to answer the purpose. This great problem may not appeal to the masses, but they will feel sooner than any one else this sinful destruction and waste of one of our greatest future resources. For that reason it behooves every North Carolinian to appeal to our present legislators to give us statutory stock law, and if they are statesmen worthy to represent the great State of North Carolina, they will protect the future and its unborn generations, rather than listen to the clamor of a few who may not want to be restricted in slaughtering the forests, and those who have the piney woods rooter and scrub cattle which they want to run at large, destroying annually more than they would bring if they were put upon the market, besides being distributors of disease, such as cholera, Texas fever, etc., which make it almost impossible for the progressive element in this State to raise stock profitably.

Can't we all stand together and form one solid body, pleading the just cause before the Legislature in January, for the protection of our forests which means more than most statesmen can conceive. If so, begin now the movement we are advocating by writing your representative to give us a State stock law and our national forest reserve, that the nation, especially North Carolina, is looking to with so much favor, will be solved to a great extent by beginning it at home.

At The Theatre.

The Academy will offer on Friday evening of this week one of the premier attractions of the entire season at the local playhouse—Miss May Robson in "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary." Miss Robson appeared during the past week in Atlanta, Ga., and of the production, the Atlanta Georgian says:

"Just like a message from home—like a fresh, free, sweeping draught from the woods where one's fancy so often delights to roam—so is "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary," the American comedy, by Anne Warner, presented at the Grand Wednesday night.

"Atlanta theatre-goers have seen a world of tragedies, melodramas and dramas in which pathos holds a high and full hand, and likewise any number of farces, comedies, light and heavy, and probably no two persons would agree which is the best of each they had seen.

"But to the mind of the large audience at the Grand Wednesday night there was no question about the fact that, for a perfect blending of whimsical pathos and exquisite humor. 'The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary' is without an equal.

"The story of Miss Warner's comedy can not, with justice, be told. Its quaint, wholesome humor is not the kind that will reproduce on paper, and the cold touch of a typewriter would chill and clot the warm, red blood that flows in its vein. The soft touches of pathos, with their sharp, tingling gripping of the heartstrings, are woven so beautifully and artistically into the warp and woof of the plot that to extricate them would be to impair the whole fabric.

"The wit in it sparkles, but does not burn; the dialogue is sharp but not cutting. To know the story would give the impression that the plot is trite, staid, deploring all that is and placing on a pinnacle all that can not be. Instead, the story is one that abounds in action, tingles with new sensation and surprise and fairly radiates with laughter and the most perfect of naive humor.

"As Aunt Mary, May Robson unquestionably is entitled to be considered one of the foremost character actresses on the American stage—if not that very thing. From first to last she is the embodiment of grace and naturalness. The actress is so completely forgotten in the part that, to see Miss Robson off the stage, without the wealth of gray hair topping her kindly, rosy face, without the idiosyncrasies of an old maid aunt who became young again, and without the fluent flow of unconcerned and involuntary humor, would be a positive shock and a bitter disappointment to those who learned to love Aunt Mary Wednesday night."

Heinrich Conreid Sues.

New York, Dec. 1.—Suit has been entered by Heinrich Conried, former director of the Metropolitan Opera House, against the Conreid Metropolitan Opera Company for breach of contract involving about $90,000 arising from the change in directorship, when Mr. Conried was succeeded by Signor Gatti-Casazza.

When the question of changing directors arose there was an agreement between the Conried company and Mr. Conried that had several years to run, and the value of this agreement is the point now in dispute.

Although the suit is on the calendar of the Supreme Court in this county, it is believed that the differences are not beyond an amicable settlement before the trial comes up.

SALVATION ARMY XMAS.

The Star is glad to give space to the following which is self explanatory and should meet with generous response in the hearts of Wilmington people:

To the many friends of the Salvation Army:—

Greeting—As you know the Christmas time is again upon us with its many blessings and its opportunity of bringing blessings and help to those who cannot help themselves.

Therefore, as usual, the Salvation Army will again do all that they can to bless, cheer, and help the poor of our city. We are therefore desiring to give 200 free dinners Christmas day, and toys, candies, nuts, and clothing, and a Christmas Tree to 300 poor children Christmas night.

The Salvation Army as you know is the evolution of two great ideas. In the one hand we carry to the poor and the outcast the bread that perisheth, and with the other we bring the bread of eternal life handed down from the nail-pierced hands of the world's Redeemer.

In the past you have had a great part in the developing and carrying on of this benevolent work. For this let us assure you of our deep appreciation of your help, and we are relying upon your continued aid. Therefore may we hope for an increased contribution in view of our pressing need.

In thankful anticipation of a favorable and early response, I am yours, in His Name,

ADJUTANT H. M. TEED,
Officer in Command, the Salvation Army.

THE SLEEPING SICKNESS WHICH MEANS DEATH

How many readers have heard of this terrible disease? It prevails in that far-away country—Africa—especially the Congo district. It is caused by the bite of the tsetse fly. When it bites a person, the sleeping symptoms begin and finally the sufferer sleeps until death occurs.

Contrast this with the peaceful, balmy sleep of health. Is there anything more wearing than to lie awake at night, tossing about, nervous, with cold feet, hot head and mercy knows what else? Short of letting the tsetse fly bite us we would do almost anything for relief. How can we prevent it? Mr. George Hayes, of Union City, Pa., writes: "I had lost my appetite, was all run-down, could not sleep nights. I had tried everything without relief. Vinol was recommended, and to my surprise, it helped me at once; gave me a splendid appetite, and now I sleep soundly."

What Vinol did for Mr. Hayes, it will do for every run-down, nervous and overworked person who cannot sleep.

VINOL is sold in Wilmington by Robert R. Bellamy, Druggist.

Stop Dyspepsia.

The one and only way you can do this, is with Kodol, and Kodol does it promply.

The feeling of languor, the dull headache, the sensation of fulness, pains and tenderness in the region of the stomach, flatulence, belching and vomiting, the thousand and one symptoms of indigestion or other stomach trouble, of which most of us know more or less, unfit both body and mind for hard work or continuous application.

You wouldn't suffer like that if you knew a certain remedy, would you? Yet such a remedy exists.

Kodol quickly relieves all these symptoms, and by giving the stomach entire rest, speedily cures the disease itself.

Irregular hours, mild dissipation, excessive use of tobacco, hasty eating or overindulgence in a favorite dish, frequently produce as unpleasant, though not lasting results, as the most serious of chronic cases.

If these temporary sufferers realized that Kodol For Dyspepsia offered sure and almost immediate relief, how many would neglect to keep it constantly in the house.

You can go about your business and disregard a pain in any other part of the body. But stomach trouble prostrates. The stomach supplies the entire system. If it fails to perform its task, these supplies are cut off—and we cannot live without food,

We know all this, but haven't we fallen into the error of assuming that, once swallowed, food has accomplished the purpose for which it was eaten? It hasn't, by any means. Until it is properly digested, the system cannot assimilate it.

It remains in the stomach until it decomposes, and might far better, not have been eaten at all. Kodol digests this food without aid from the stomach, and digests it as well as the stomach itself could do the work.

Through its aid, the food you have eaten is reduced to a form, in which the system can assimilate it and the body is built up, while the tired stomach rests.

The trouble with dyspeptics is, that they're starving. They have eaten, but their food is undigested, and consequently does them no good. Kodol not only relieves the patient's sufferings in such cases, but also removes the cause of suffering.

It relieves, by digesting the patient's food and enabling his system to transform it into bone and muscle, blood and brain. It cures, by allowing the stomach rest, until it is restored to its natural condition.

If the stomach is weak, the body is weak. If the stomach is strong, the entire body is strong.

None of us want to suffer from indigestion or dyspepsia, but the hurry and nervous tension of the times, have made them the commonest complaints of the generation.

Often we eat to fast, too soon after, or too shortly, before violent physicial exercise, or severe mental strain. Sometimes we are too busy to eat at all, at the proper time and overload our stomach when the opportunity comes. For awhile, the abused organs stands the strain. Finally it collapses.

Our Guarantee

Go to the nearest druggist today, and purhase a dollar bottle, and if you can honestly say you did not receive any benefit from it, after using the entire bottle, the druggist will refund your money to you without question or delay. We will then pay the druggist the price of the bottle purchased by you. This offer applies to the large bottle only and to but one in a family.

Don't hesitate, every druggist knows our guarantee is good.

The dollar bottle contains 2½ times as much as the fifty cent bottle.

Kodol is prepared at the laboratories of E. C. DeWitt & Co., Chicago.

"To Our Country Friends"

We have just received a car load of

American Steel & Wire Co.'s "Royal" Field Fencing.

Can furnish twenty-six inches to forty-seven inches high, both six and twelve inch stays.

Send us your orders.

WM. E. SPRINGER & CO.

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TEST TUBES

For Making Hat Pin Cases With.

Mixed Spices, 5 and 10c box.
Ground Sage.
Ground Red Pepper.
Ground Black Pepper.
Ground Thyme, and all such things for pickles, sausage, liver pudding, etc., and for seasoning the dressing of Christmas turkey, goose or duck.

J. HICKS BUNTING DRUG CO.

FRONT AND GRACE STREETS.

"The Store That Has Everything Anybody Else Has and Some Things Nobody Else Has.

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WHEN MISFORTUNE COMES,

whether at Christmas time or any other time, and you need good, efficient and prompt carriage repairing, let this be your rock of refuge, where every appliance, skill, experience and good workmanship is at your service.

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NORTH CAROLINA BUCKWHEAT & MAPLE SYRUP

J. HARGROVE TAYLOR

131 Market St. GROCER. Phone 1052

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Advertising Brings Prosperity.

All Ready

Being the Second Announcement Pertaining to the Big Achievement of

MR. I. SHRIER.

IN a previous issue of this paper, I described to you in full the great tailoring event to take place at my store on the morning of

THURSDAY, DEC. 10th.

I now announce that all is in readiness and that promptly at 8:00 o'clock my doors will open to receive those discerning men who appreciate in full the great benefits to be derived through my one price policy.

As I said before, every suit will be made strictly to your measurement, and the price will be

$12.50

no matter what fabric you may select—whether it be high-priced or low.

Every overcoat fabric will be sold at

$14.50

regardless of the real cost.

I told you before how it is possible for me to do this, and I expect you to have sufficient confidence in me to take for granted that this offer is not only genuine, but unprecedented in the tailoring history of Wilmington.

This Is the Building Where the Clothes Are Made.

Over One Thousand Expert Tailors and Five Million Dollars Back of This Tremendous Sale.

I have great confidence in the

International Tailoring Co.
of New York

and in all my dealings with them, I have found them square and honest, and what is more to the point—the most efficient tailors in America.

For the edification of all readers, I print herewith the New York headquarters of this Company, and here will your orders be turned out—and my word upon it—they'll be turned out promptly and perfectly.

Orders will be filled in order of precedence, and my parting advice before the sale commences is: COME EARLY!

This is the last Word; after this, comes Deeds.

Yours Truly,

I. SHRIER

SOUTHERN INVESTMENT

Leading Financiers of the Nation Express Confidence in Future of This Great Section—Hydro-Electric Power Plants.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 3.—Under suggestion of a statement by Mr. Paul T. Brady, of the Westinghouse Company, that he had recently raised $2,500,000 for investment in hydro-electric plants in the South and expects to raise $10,000,000 more for similar work the Manufacturers' Record has endeavored to present this week in letters from leading financiers and investors in the East, North and West an interpretation of opinion in other parts of the country as to the South as a field for the profitable investment of capital.

The writers of the letters, some of them already heavily interested financially in the South, some of them paying no heed to it at present, have written with exceeding frankness. Their commendation and their criticism combined form an interesting presentation of views about the South which will undobtedly direct to that section greater attention than it has ever had from investing circles. The range of opinion is well indicated in extracts from some of the letters.

John F. Dryden, president of the Prudential Insurance Company, writes that, "the South as a field for safe and conservative investment has for some time past been receiving our serious condition. Its industrial progress in recent years, its valuable natural resources, its great promise for the future, largely augmented by the completion of the Isthmian Canal, all combine to attract attention to the opportunties for profitable investment in this section." A special representative of his company is now investigating conditions in a number of Southern States with a special view of extending investments where the situation is favorable and reports that have been received so far are encouraging.

Stuyvesant Fish, of New York, long identified with developmental railroad work in the Mississippi Valley, notes a general opinion that the South is a most attractive, if not the most attractive, field for the investment of capital. Willis L. King, vice president of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Commany, Pittsburg, says that "it would seem to me that the growth of the South in recent years in population, agricultural wealth and industrial development makes it certain that this growth will continue much more rapidly in the future than in the past," and Joseph H. Hoadley, president of the Alabama Consolidated Coal and Iron Company, New York, tells of an investment of nearly a million dollars made by him personally in Alabama a short time ago and of his profound impression of the possibilities of the South. Ex-Senator Henry G. Davis, of Washington, who has been an active factor in West Virginia development writes that "the South presents many and varied resources and opportunities for successful endeavor in enterprises requiring capital, energy and good judgment." C. H. Coffin, of Chicago writes:

"Within the next ten years the South is going to experience a great growth; nothing can be surer than his prediction, and the counties, cities, towns and school districts will all need to make issues of bonds and anything which makes these bonds secure and easy to sell will greatly facilitate the development of the country."

J. J. Townsend, of Chicago, believes that "the Southerner sleeps on billions of values, through no fault of his, as it takes money to develop and the South has not the requisite at its command," while E. VanDeusen, of New York, advises that "the best and only practical solution of the problem is for all the best people of the South to take hold with a will of the development of their own country and when they have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the rest of the country that they mean business, capital will begin to flow in as required." G. W. Goodyear, of Buffalo, N. Y., who has led in establishing one of the largest lumber enterprises in the South thinks that it rests with the people of the South themselves whether or not their section shall be developed in the near future. Albert L. Scott, of Lockwood, Green Co., of Boston, a firm which "has always considered the Southern States as the best field for investment afforded at the present time," says:

"Too much is printed in the North about lynching, outbreaks of lawlessness in the out-of-the-way sections of the South, and not enough about the great cotton mills, waterpower plants, woodworking plants, fertilizer industries, etc., which are producing millions of dollars of new wealth for the country every year."

Bearing upon that is the statement of Elbridge G. Snow, president of the Home Insurance Company, New York, that "we do not know that any one locality can throw stones at the other with respect to laws beneficial or otherwise," but he adds:

"It sometimes seems that it would be to the interest of all concerned if the intended to be protective ordinances were perhaps somewhat more carefully considered before enactment."

Had a Close Call.

Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom Hotel, Vaughn, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough, and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it, and three bottles affected a complete cure." The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. 50c and $1.00 Trial bottle free.

UNIFORM BILL OF LADING

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attempted bill of lading legislation, and particularly the failure of Congress to perform its whole constitutional duty has resulted in great hardship and much financial loss to every interest involved.

Through varying State laws this country's commerce has too long been seriously handicapped. State government and State laws for local affairs are eminently proper, but out country's inter-state and foreign commerce is too vast and vital to be submitted to the different whims and ideas of State legislatures. This United States is one great nation bound together by ties of steel rails and telegraph wires. The country's commerce of every nature traverses State lines on its way to market, and should not be subject to the varying requirements of State laws.

Such restrictions are unnatural and prevail with no other nation, and should not be permitted to handicap our citizens in their legitimate business pursuits.

Congress is the proper and only body from which the whole country can receive relief. It has already announced its purpose and duty in regard to bills of lading in two instances; first, through the enactment of the Harter Act in 1893 on ocean bills of lading, and, second, by inserting a clause in the rate bill of 1906, holding the initial carrier liable for loss through damage, which clause has recently been declared constitutional by Circuit Court of the United States, Western District, Arkansas, Fort Smith Division in Smeltze vs. St. Louis & San Francisco Railway, 158 Federal Reports, page 649.

Having thus paved the way, it now remains for Congress to pass a comprehensive act covering bills of lading wherein all interests shall be fairly treated and their rights and obligations clearly defined.

Our committee believes that such situation is properly covered in the Maynard bill, considered by the House Committee on Inter-state and Foreign Commerce at four separate hearings this last session, and we are glad to note that the able Congressman from your State, Hon. Irving P. Wagner, as a member of that committee, evidenced an active interest in this bill and was instrumental in referring the matter to an excellent sub-committee consisting of Congressmen Stevens of Minnesota, Lowering of Massachusetts and Russell of Texas, and it is hoped the action at the next session of Congress will give to the country legislation which will clear up the situation, and thereby assist the country's commerce in its future development and triumphant march to domestic and foreign markets.

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NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY

Carload of Native Evergreens Will be Used in Elaborate Scheme of Decoration—Improtance of The Occasion National.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

New York, Dec. 5.—A carload of genuine Southern pine trees is on its way northward to furnish the decorations for the dinner of the North Carolina Society which is to be held at the Hotel Astor on December 7th.

President Walter H. Page and the other members of the Society intend to make the occasion one of National importance and to bring to the consideration of Southern problems and conditions the opinions of some of the ablest and most prominent Southerners in the country. Acceptances already received indicate that at least 600 guests will be present at the dinner. The presidents of all the various Southern societies in New York will act as a reception committee and the Governors and Senators of all the Southern States have been invited to attend. The lighter side of the entertainment feature will not be neglected and a double quartette of singers from the Hampton Institute will render a programme of old-time Southern melodies.

President-elect Taft will be the guest of honor of the evening, and his speech, which will be the first since his election to give him an opportunity to discuss current questions, will probably be devoted to outlining his attitude and that of his administration toward the South. It is expected also that he will sieze this occasion to define his position in regard to tariff revision in view of the developments at the recent hearings in Washington. President W. W. Finley of the Southern Railway will speak on the industrial side of the South's development and among other speakers will be Hon. James Y. Joyner, Superintendent of Public Instruction of North Carolina, Junius Parker, of New York, and Hugh MacRae, of Wilmington, N. C. Walter H. Page, editor of the World's Work, who is president of the North Carolina Society, will preside at the dinner and will introduce the speakers, all of whom will talk on some phase of the general subject, "A Programme for the South." Short speeches probably will be made by some of the Southern Governors and Senators.

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J. Frank Jarman, the enterprising Druggists of 107 Princess street, Wilmington, N. C., are having such a large run on "HYNDIPO," the new Kidney Cure and Nerve Tonic, and hear it so highly praised that they now offer to guarantee it in every case to cure all forms of Kidney Troubles and Nervous Disorders.

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